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## New Principals Appointed At Phelps & Clark Schools

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Superintendent of Schools Bernard F. Ryder presented the two new elementary school principals he has appointed to fill the vacancies at Phelps and Clark Schools to the School Committee at the April 12th meeting.

Veteran Agawam educator Robert Farrell, current assistant principal at the Middle School, will assume his new duties at Phelps School on April 25th, the Monday after spring vacation. Springfield educator Sandra Howard will take over the principalship of Clark School in September, now held by the retiring Smith Rovelli.

Ryder told *The AAN* he made the appointments with the help of two search committees comprised of two School Committee members appointed by the Mayor, two teachers chosen by the schools' staff and the Agawam Education Association (AEA), the co-chair of the two schools' Improvement Councils, the PTO presidents, one administrator, and a community member.

Ryder said nine of the 18 applicants were interviewed by the search committees. The committees narrowed the field to three candidates, and Ryder himself made the decision on the final two

candidates.

"These two candidates were selected according to background and experience," Ryder said.

Ryder said he estimated the starting salary for the two new principals at \$48,000 per year.

Former School Committee member Louis Massoia, who served on the Clark School search committee, said the two finalists were chosen by the committee unanimously as their first and second choices.

Appointed as assistant principal of the Middle School four years ago, Farrell has been working in the building for the past 21 years. Hired in March 1974, Farrell has served as a sixth and seventh grade teacher. Originally teaching all subjects, Farrell became primarily a social studies and English teacher when the sixth grade was reorganized into a pod system several years ago.

Farrell said he anticipates no problems in shifting his focus to deal with the younger school population of an elementary school.

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## Free Self-Defense Class Offered For Women



**HWANG'S SCHOOL OF TAE KWON-DO**, located directly across the street from the Agawam Police Station, will offer a free self-defense class for women on Friday, April 29th. Call 786-4158 for details. Above, owner and operator Raymond Shugart (right) is pictured with the black belts at his school. Back row - John Manzi, Lizz Marzano, Chris Giroux, and Todd Rubner. Front row - Pasqual Oyola, Jill Pavelcysk, Carol Matos, and Shugart, the school's chief instructor. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



LISA ZIEGERT

## Candelight Vigil For Lisa Ziegert

The community is invited to gather with family and friends of Lisa Ziegert in a candlelight vigil in her memory on Friday evening, April 15th, at 7:30 p.m., on Veteran's Green, Main Street, Agawam Center.

Lisa Ziegert was brutally murdered following her disappearance from the store where she worked on April 15th, 1992. Her body was found four days later in a wooded area off Suffield Street on Easter Sunday. The unsolved police case has created national attention.

Candles will be given to those who attend and local songwriter Ann Fogg will perform a song she wrote about Lisa.

Last year a week-long remembrance was held for Lisa Ziegert and her family, with a similar candlelight vigil held on a rainy Thursday evening that drew a large crowd despite the weather.

The public is encouraged to attend to support the Ziegert family.

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"I have a lot of experience in going down to the elementary schools to give orientation programs for the (fourth grade) students moving up to the Middle School," Farrell noted. "I've been in contact with all the elementary school principals and, of course, I've gotten to know all the fourth grade teachers."

Farrell said his first priority as the new principal at Phelps will be getting to know his staff and the children. He added that he will be especially concerned with becoming familiar with the physical set-up of the school building and with investigating future improvements to the building.

Farrell lives in West Springfield with his wife, Nancy, the chairman of the Math Department at Agawam Junior High School, and their two children, 15 year-old Michael and 12 year-old Kerry.

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Mrs. Howard has been an educator in the Springfield Public Schools for 22 years. She served as the acting principal of the Glenwood Elementary School for one year and is presently assigned as a Special Education team leader covering three elementary schools. She has also served as a first and second grade classroom teacher.

Mrs. Howard said she was informed of her new position by Ryder on the Friday before the School Committee meeting.

"I was thrilled," Mrs. Howard said.

Although she was able to visit Clark and meet with some of the staff, Mrs. Howard said, "I would like to have more time to spend at the school."

Mrs. Howard said her first goal on assuming her new duties would be to work with the staff and parents on making the school a cooperative building. Noting that parental involvement was "a piece I didn't have in Springfield," Mrs. Howard said she was very enthused about the level of parental involvement in Agawam schools.

"Parental involvement is an important aspect of education," Mrs. Howard stated.

A resident of Wilbraham, Mrs. Howard is the mother of a daughter who will be entering ninth grade in the fall.

*Agawam Crime Prevention...*

# Here Are Some Way To Keep Upcoming Summer Crime-Free

by Detective Wayne Macey  
Crime Prevention Officer

Before we know it, summer will be upon us, and that means our thoughts (naturally) will turn to vacations, picnics, and numerous other outdoor activities. Unfortunately, with the celebration of that season comes an increase in crime.

In order to keep the summer safe and secure, we must remain alert to the potential for risk. So let us temper our forthcoming celebration with thoughts of—once again—how we can prevent ourselves from becoming victims. The following are suggestions and means by which we can protect our homes and property.

Gas grills are most popular during the summer months. Their marketability and numbers make them a target for thieves. They can be easily secured with a chain and lock.

Try to place them in an area where they can be accounted for everyday. Many people who report them missing cannot give the police an accurate time of theft because they do not watch them between periods of use. The best protection would be to store them inside the garage or a shed; however, propane tanks should be left outside.

Lawn furniture, mowing equipment, ladders, and tools should be stored away after each use. When leaving for vacation, make sure to stop delivery of newspapers and have someone pick up your mail daily. Notify police and a trusted neighbor of your planned absence and the length of time you will be away. Do not discuss your plans in public, and don't notify the newspapers of your plans.

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Leave shades and blinds open, and use a clock timer to turn lights on and off at appropriate times. If possible, have a relative or neighbor

enter your home and check it as often as possible. They can also change the lights on the timer. Leave emergency numbers where you can be reached should it become necessary.

Keep valuables out of sight of windows and place money, jewelry, and other valuables in a safe deposit box; arrange to have the lawn mowed, or driveway and walks shoveled should your vacation be of a longer duration. If possible, keep a car locked in the driveway.

The last person out before leaving should check all around the house to make sure doors and windows are secure. Turn down the ringer on the telephone in order to keep someone outside from hearing the sound of an unanswered call. The key to all these preparations is to make the house appear occupied during your absence.

Upon your return, should you suspect someone has entered your home, do not attempt to investigate. Go immediately to the nearest phone and contact the police. Don't touch anything in or around the house because evidence can easily be erased or destroyed.

Do not—I repeat, do not—attempt to confront a burglar in or around your home. It has been done in the past, and the homeowners involved have been hurt. If possible, from a distance get any description or a suspect and/or vehicle involved, and get that information as quickly as possible to the police.

Keeping the above thoughts and suggestions in mind, it is the wish of the Agawam Police Department that your upcoming summer vacation is enjoyable, and that your summer is an overall pleasant experience.

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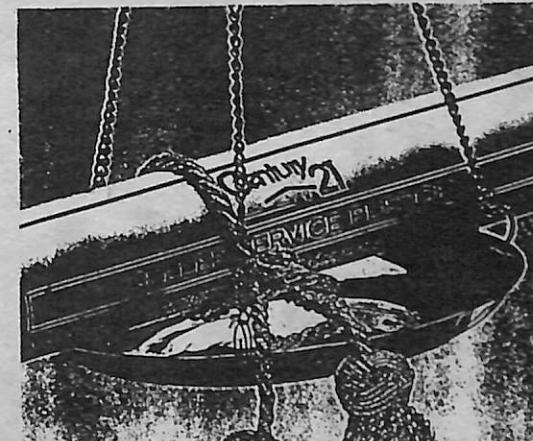
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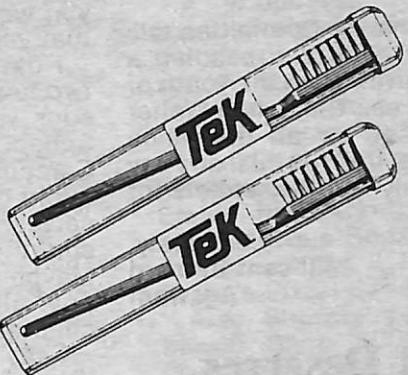


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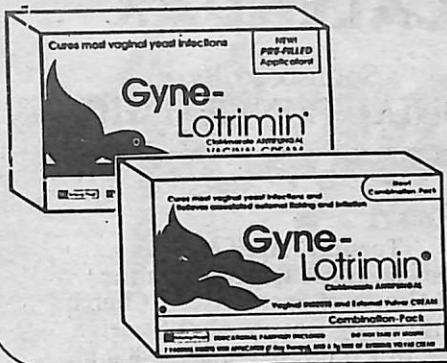
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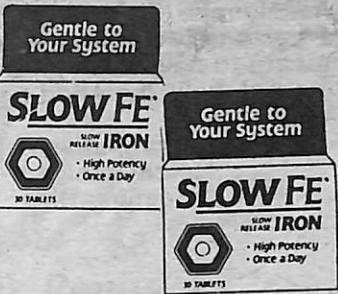
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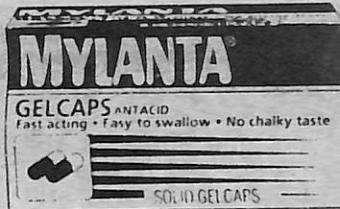
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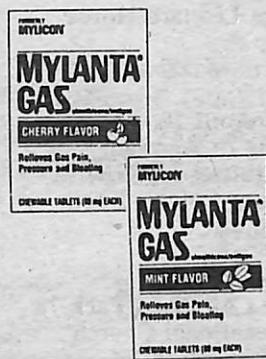
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## Letters To The Editor

### Disappointed With Way AIDS Assembly Was Presented

#### To The Editor:

I was very disappointed after I read the article regarding the AIDS Action Committee assembly at the High School on March 9th. I was at the third assembly and had quite a different view.

The article said the panelists spoke about abstinence from sexual activity as the only fail-safe way to stop AIDS. In the assembly I was in, abstinence was mentioned twice—once, when answering the question, "How do you prevent AIDS?" a girl said abstinence and again, when Steve went over the list of preventative measures, saying condoms, education, and abstinence—in that order.

The rest of the discussion was filled with "unprotected sex," which was mentioned at least 10 times. So much for stressing abstinence!

After hearing the participants in this assembly, the threat of contracting AIDS would be no big deal, if I didn't know better. Typical comments were from Ann, "I'm perfectly healthy," from Steve, "HIV is just a disease," and from Steven again, "There's no reason to be afraid unless you're having unprotected sex."

All were healthy and robust—not like people in an AIDS ward that show what could really happen to our children. If we want our children to stop smoking, do we show them pictures of healthy lungs? Do we tell them that if they are going to smoke, use a filter to make it safer?

No—yet that's exactly the approach the town educators are taking towards those who say they are sexually active. Instead of trying to reduce those numbers and uplift virginity and secondary virginity, they are encouraging the children to continue in a risky behavior, but try to be "safer" about it.

Ann, the divorced mother, said she was still having sex with her "boyfriend," but it was OK because she told him up front and he was still "negative." This may be the School Committee's idea of great role models, but wouldn't it make more sense to have some genuinely healthy teenagers up front saying, "I don't have to worry about getting AIDS because I'm not going to give in to all the pressures from our adult educators to have sex before I get married. I have self control—I am not an animal!"

A group of parents has been trying for a year to have positive role models or local doctors speak to the High School assembly, but our efforts have been stonewalled. Instead, Ms. McSweeney has felt that this type of assembly, which generated sympathy but no reason to stop risky behavior, as needed instead. I'm sorry that our teenagers have to be guinea pigs of local P.C.

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## More Debate About Kids Playing Street Hockey

#### To The Editor:

To The Youth Of Peros Drive Hockey League: I would like to write to each of you to thank you for your letter, but I want the whole town to read about it.

My letters to the editors of *The Agawam Advertiser News* and the *Sunday Republican* were in response to Jessie Fuller's complaints about children playing hockey in her street. I wrote to state that my experience with those who play in front of my house was much different from what Mrs. Fuller described. My group, I wrote, were quite polite and respectful.

In response to my letter, I received four phone calls supporting my views. Today, I received a thank-you card signed by all those who play hockey on Peros Drive. Enclosed was a nice letter describing what their league has done this season, how much they enjoy playing hockey, and telling me that they spend their own money for the equipment they use in the league games.

Is this from a group that is "rude and disrespectful?" I think not!

I plan to write to the Ordinance Committee telling them about the phone calls and sending a copy of the letter that I received from the youth of Peros Drive. I would like to ask that when Walter Balboni reviews the request for an ordinance amendment, he remembers the fun his and my children had playing safely in the streets of Agawam.

Sincerely,  
Millicent Barnard  
Agawam

## Sixth Grade Band Deserves Gold Medal For Performance

#### To The Editor:

Congratulations to the Agawam Middle School Sixth Grade Band for its outstanding presentation on Friday, April 8th, at the M.I.C.A. performance which was held at the Agawam Junior High.

This group of fine musicians, under the direction of Mr. Kenneth Longstreet, gave a fantastic musical performance after coming from school, lacking time to rehearse, and knowing that they were being judged by professionals.

Their gold medal award was surely deserved in every way. We are so fortunate to have such fine young people representing not only the Middle School but the Town of Agawam.

Congratulations!  
Helen Manning  
Feeding Hills

## Feeding Hills Resident Praises Quality Of Local Golf Courses

#### To The Editor:

The people of Agawam are very fortunate to have four beautiful golf courses. They are the Agawam Country Club, Crestview Country Club, Oak Ridge Golf Club, and the Saint Anne Country Club.

Keep up the good work, and never turn them over to developers!

Thank you very much,  
Clyde E.P. Benton  
Feeding Hills

## Tired About Hearing Snips At Street Hockey Kids

#### To The Editor:

I, for one, am getting very tired of hearing Jessie Fuller and her cronies complain about kids playing in the street.

Is Jessie too old to remember the good old days when we were kids and played "kick the can," stickball, "Dodgem," and the good old game of baseball in the streets. The only thing that has changed are the "names of the games." I'm sure our neighbors were annoyed when they had to slow down or stop their Hudsons, Desotos, or Studebakers until we got out of their way so they could pass.

Perhaps, Jessie, you didn't join in the street games as a child. If not, I'm sure you must have been in the house with your hands folded, sitting and listening to Stella Dallas or Lowell Thomas, and of course contemplating how you would change the world when you grew up.

I keep hearing how you have worked with children and how much you care about them. I would very much like to know in what capacity you were involved with kids. My guess would be that you were the "warden" at a reform school.

I have lived in Agawam all my life and raised two sons in this town. Some years ago when my sons were in high school and you were on the School Committee, you complained about Open Campus for the high school seniors, because they might go to McDonald's. Last year, if my memory serves me correct, you had a complaint against squirt guns and this year it is street hockey. Maybe you can get an ordinance passed that will not allow any Agawam residents to have children—then, your problem will be solved.

I say to you, Jessie—"Get A Life!" Are you getting so old that you can't remember that once we were kids and probably aggravated our neighbors? One of those kids might, some day, grow up to be Mayor or maybe even the President.

Joseph R. Tortoriello Sr.  
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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Tuesday, April 19th  
Agawam Jr. Women's Club to host Connie Hutton, Ag. Health Coordinator  
At Captain Charles Leonard House  
7:30 p.m.  
Call 786-9971 for more information

Wednesday, April 20th  
Business meeting of Agawam Senior Games Athletes (ASGA)  
At Ag. Police Station Comm. Room  
6:45 p.m.

Saturday, April 23rd  
Annual Car Wash by Cub Scout Pack 78 from F.H. Congregational Church  
To be held in parking lot of Partner's Restaurant, 485 Spfld. St.  
9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 23rd  
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**Police Officers Deserve More Respect From Public****To The Editor:**

About a week ago, my sister wrote an article about our brother, who is a New York City police officer. The article was titled, "Nagging Fear," and I am sure there are a lot of people who feel as we do. I would like to share some of her article with you.

Two weeks ago, a New York City cop was shot and killed in the Bronx. Our brother works in the Bronx. Like my sister, my own heart "stopped when I heard a cop was shot in the Bronx." I first heard it as a news flash on TV at 9:30 p.m. You can't imagine the apprehension I felt waiting for the 10:00 o'clock news (Channel 11, New York) to come on, and the relief I felt when I learned it wasn't him.

Even though I try not to worry, I do. As my sister wrote, "I called my brother to let him know that I'd been worried about him. What I realized as we were talking was that even when there is no news that a cop's been gunned down, I still worry."

She continues, "What kind of job did he get into that puts his life on the line every time he reports to work? How can he work when, day after day, he has to strap himself into a six-pound vest that might, or might not, stop a bullet from some punk who's making a drug deal or stealing beer money?"

My sister was against his joining the police force. "No one in my family was in law enforcement, so where did he get this drive to be part of the blue wall? How could he learn enough in that short time in the police academy to protect himself from the violence of city streets? I believe that no matter how much experience you have, how cautious you are, you can never protect yourself from people who have no respect for life."

Although I felt it was dangerous, I supported him. This was something he wanted, and as much as I feared for him, I wanted him to be happy. After he graduated the academy, I gave him the money to purchase a bullet proof vest with an armor heart plate, hoping that it would help protect him - so far it has.

My brother has been "on the job" for over 13 years. He's a sergeant now and he's always telling us he likes his job. "It's not glamour work and it's not the kind that gets the attention of the com-

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missioner or the mayor. That's OK, because attention usually goes to the bad cops. Or dead ones..."

The closing paragraph of my sister's article really hit home for me. "Every day he risks his life, just like his colleagues. It's not something I think about all the time, just when I hear those chilling news flashes. When I called him the other night, he thanked me for worrying, but told me not to. He's careful, he said. He watches everyone on the street. He never lets down his guard. I think it's probably the same assurances the slain officer gave the people who loved him."

Maybe by sharing this with your readers, these men in blue will get the respect they deserve.

Very truly yours,  
Mrs. Li-Ling L. Waller  
Feeding Hills

**Pack 75 Says "Thanks" For Supporting Its Record Hop****To The Editor:**

Cub Scout Pack 75, sponsored by Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, extends a special "thank you" of appreciation to the following businesses and friends for their generous donations for our Pack Record Hop, for door prizes, and raffles.

As in the past, they are still very supportive of our fundraising efforts, and show an interest in our Scouting program and the youth of today. Without the help of the following supporters, our dance wouldn't have been a success:

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Also, thank you to everyone who helped set up and take down for the dance.

Special thanks to the Springfield Turnverein for their donation of the hall.

Thanks to all of you for caring. Cub Pack 75  
Nancy Hallbauer

**High School Library Needs More Books For Students****To The Editor:**

An article in the April issue of the *Reader's Digest* talks about the need for good libraries in our world. It calls books "basic tools in education."

Due to our ever-changing world and the abundance of new and changing information, there is a great need for more books and materials for our high school students. Atlases that were printed two years ago are outdated with the breakup of countries. Discoveries in science change the way we live daily. Magazines and newspapers help our students learn as events occur.

Since its organization in the fall, one of the main objectives of the Agawam High School Parent Teacher Student Organization is to help support the library used by our students. The present budget is still below the funding for 20 years ago. The number of volumes available to our students has increased by approximately 150 volumes since 1980.

Even with the recent increase to their budget by the principal, there are many books still unavailable to the students for their education. According to this article, the average price of an adult book is \$45. Publishers are printing fewer books of each title and they often go out of print at a quicker rate, so if they are not purchased when they first come out we may never have another opportunity.

Yes, the public library is next door. Their job is to accommodate the town. The school library supports the school curriculum. To learn better, our students need the materials available to them in their school environment where they can have immediate access to them. The article also states that in a 1993 study by the Colorado Department of Education, that students from schools with strong libraries score higher on tests.

We are asking the citizens of our town to help us in this effort. It would be greatly appreciated by students and staff for any possible donation towards our library fund to be sent to:

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# Turf Farm Access Criticized At Council Meeting

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

The three graduate students from the Conway School of Design who were commissioned by the town to create a plan for turning the Tuckahoe Turf Farm into a recreational complex presented their design to the Town Council at its April 4th meeting.

The councilors suspended their five-minute rule on Citizen's Speak Time so that Esther Danielson, Martha Pierce, and Marcia Young could explain the details of the proposed sports complex and how they arrived at their design.

The drawings unveiled at the meeting, which cost the town over \$2,000, showed the 292-acre farm bisected by the first phase of the Route 57 expansion, which is expected to be completed this fall and opened to traffic in July 1995.

Several councilors expressed concern that access to the major portion of the complex was through the residential neighborhood of Hendum Heights. Automobile, pedestrian, and bicycle access to the northern section of the parcel would be off Hendum Drive or Bunker Hill Road.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said he was working with the state to try to gain an access from Route 57 into the sports complex to reduce the traffic through the Hendum Heights neighborhood.

Council Vice-President George Bitzas asked the Mayor to continue his efforts in lobbying the State Department of Public Works for access off Route 57. "All of us (councilors) should lobby state and federal authorities," Bitzas suggested.

The larger northern section could accommodate three soccer fields, two multi-use fields for soccer, softball and football, four volleyball courts, three basketball courts, and a playscape. The plans included a concession stand in the northern section.

South of the highway, the smaller section of the complex is ideal for passive recreation, community gardens, and has room for four tennis courts, according to Martha Pierce.

Miss Pierce said the plans called for the planting of sufficient trees to serve as a visual and sound barrier to protect the neighbors in Hendum Heights. She said all parking would be located on the eastern side of the area with access from Bunker Hill or Hendum Drive.

In answer to Councilor Walter Balboni's question that the site was mentioned in the Mayor's capitol improvement plan as the possible location for an elementary school in the future, Johnson said the plan would allow for the construction of an elementary school on one of the playing fields. Johnson said it would be an advantage for a school to be "surrounded by ready-made athletic facilities."

Johnson said he hoped to have the design plans on display for the public at the library.

The town's purchase at the property has been challenged by local developer Ralph DePalma in a suit pending in Hampden Superior Court.

Even if the suit is settled in the town's favor, construction of the athletic complex would not be completed before the spring of 1996 because the former owner has the right to harvest this year's turf crop and it will take about two years for the turf to grow back for the playing fields.

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## Mayor Introduces New Golf Course Manager



**EARLIER THIS WEEK** Mayor Christopher C. Johnson (left) introduced the new golf course manager/pro at the Agawam Country Club, Ronald Dunn from Florida (center). Looking on is Dean Godek, chairman of the Municipal Golf Commission. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Veterans' Council "Street Of Flags" Project Makes Progress

The Agawam Veterans' Council, with the help of City Councilor Thomas Ennis, is heartened by the public response in donations toward a "Street of Flags" planned for this year's observance of Memorial Day.

The flags will line Main Street from the Route 57 overpass south to the Agawam Veterans' Memorial Green. The total cost for the project is about \$450, and Veterans' Agent Ruth Bitzas states that checks mailed to the Veterans' Service Office at Town Hall total \$330 to date.

The cost of sponsoring a flag is \$15 each, and the following is a list of sponsors as of Friday, April 8th:

Parottta's Auto, Walter Balboni, David Skolnick, Penfield Productions, Riverside Park, KM Corporation, McCarthy Tile Co., Agawam Medical Equipment, Agawam Credit Union, Lucia Lumber, Kidder-Stacy, Hampden County Chiropractic, Agawam Public Market, George Bitzas, Country Jeep Eagle, Pajer's Superette, Pond House Restaurant, Richard Bellico, and Agawam Jr. Women's Club.

The Agawam Veterans' Council greatly appreciates the community support it has already received as it continues its plan to honor all Agawam veterans (especially those who lost their lives in the cause of freedom).

The council still has a way to go to complete the "Street of Flags" project and would welcome your sponsorship by a donation of \$15. Please mail your check today to the Department of Veterans' Services, Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

## Key Intersection To Receive Traffic Lights; Expect Some Delays

The Agawam Department of Public Works wishes to advise motorists and affected agencies of planned construction at North Westfield Street and North Street.

Traffic lights will be installed at that location during the month of April. Traffic will be allowed to pass through this intersection at all times, but during certain periods of construction, work in the streets will require channelization, which will cause delays to motorists.

The department installed conduit and signal bases last fall for this project. The contract for electrical installation was awarded recently and this phase of the project is expected to begin shortly.

Announcements of temporary traffic channelizing will be made when those times have been determined. This will allow motorists to use alternate routes to avoid delays at this intersection during those times.

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By order of the Board of Appeals,  
Ronald Hebert  
Chairman

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# Looking Back...

Compiled and edited by  
David C. Gallano

APRIL 1973

## April 9th - MANAGER ASKS DELAY ON SCHOOL PENDING STATE FUNDING.

Town Manager James Westman today advocated delayed acceptance of the new Junior High School so that the town can obtain state funding to complete the school grounds.

The School Building Committee has requested \$114,000 for proposed tennis courts, additional parking, and a road to connect with Shoemaker Lane.

Rather than consider "that large an expense prior to the full budget hearing," Westman said he would request the building committee to delay acceptance of the school.

He suggested a full tour of inspection of the entire building before either the Building Committee or he would accept the building.

## APRIL 10th - LONGER TALK TIME APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Extension of the Citizen Speak Time before regular Council meetings from 15 to 45 minutes received tentative approval from the Council Monday.

Councilman Benjamin T. Lockhart, chairman of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, proposed the extension with the addition that citizens be allowed to speak on any subject.

The proposal, made on behalf of his committee, included the restriction that citizens not be allowed to speak on the subject of a public hearing, past or future.

## APRIL 11th - NEW FORM OF GOVERNMENT ON TRIAL

A commentary by Colleen Andreoni, *Springfield Daily News* correspondent.

During the first three months of the manager-council form of government, the Council and Town Manager James D. Westman have tangled on many issues, but the issue of confirmation sums up the real challenge to Agawam's new form of government.

The townspeople voted for a strong manager form of government which they have seen stalled at every intersection.

Many blame the slow and balky transition on

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factions which persist in obstructing the intent of the charter, which grants the manager full administrative authority.

Others say it is simply reluctance on the part of some officials to relinquish power and let the manager assume full responsibility for his administrative actions.

Many councilors agree that the intent of the charter concerning confirmation was to remove appointments to boards and committee from the political arena by making them the sole responsibility of the manager.

Other councilors have said publicly many times they want to participate in the appointments by "grilling" candidates.

Those councilors who want to share in the responsibility of such appointments supersede the charter and cite state statutes as their authority. The issue of charter vs. state statute remains to be settled.

However, two facts are evident. The Home Rule Authority, under which the charter was drafted, grants to cities and towns all authority not specifically reserved by state law.

State statutes which govern appointments and confirmation on such agencies as the Planning Board, Liquor License Commission, and Housing Authority were passed into law before the Home Rule Amendment and make no specific reference to what a strong town manager can or cannot do.

Newer boards, such as Youth Commission or Conservation Commission, do contain specific reference and do not require confirmation.

Attacks on the integrity of the charter, claiming it is not specific and "full of holes," as one councilor has said, and further seeking out state laws, which may or may not apply to Agawam's form of government, do not appear to be in the best interests of the town.

If the charter is truly in such bad shape, why have these councilors not acted to plug up the holes and make it as specific as they require?

The issue of confirmation, currently the focal point of opposition to the charter, has proved itself an effective challenge to the manager's authority.

If the council acts to encroach on the manager's function and authority by seizing on confirmation as a means of grilling candidates for appointment, what is then left of the strong manager form of government?

If the council acts to investigate the manager's appointments, then the fine line determining where the manager's responsibility begins and ends

## Ag. Town Council's Agenda For April 19th

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 4/4/94
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances
- None.

### 7. Report of Council Committees

#### 8. Elections

None.

#### 9. Public Hearings

None.

#### 10. Old Business

##### (a) Orders

1. TOR-94-5-(PH-94-5)-An Ordinance to amend the Code of the Town of Agawam, Ch. 180, Art. XI entitled "Industrial District B." (2nd Reading).
2. TO-93-32-Casimir Tryba v. City of Agawam etc. - Hampden County Superior Court Civil Action No. 92-1477-DISCUSSION (EXECUTIVE SESSION) (Postponed from 4/4/94).

3. TO-94-10-Application for Video License to increase from 2 to 6 coin operated video machines for Sand Trap, 1399 Suffield St., Aga., MA.

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By order of the Board of Appeals,  
Ronald Hebert  
Chairman

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# FireWise...

## by Fire Chief David Pisano Matches & Lighters Are For Adults

Many fires are caused simply by a combination of a small child's curiosity and the availability of matches or a cigarette lighter. The resulting fires have some of the most disastrous consequences because of a small child's inability to understand that the match they had just lit is the same match that caused the fire that destroyed the house.

The Agawam Fire Department suggests that if you have small children in the home, keep matches and cigarette lighters up high, out of their reach.

As children begin to understand cause and effect, teach them that matches are a tool and should be used only by adults or under adult supervision.

Teach children that, if another child has matches, they should get away from the child and warn an adult so that an accidental fire will not occur and the child will be prevented from getting burned.

For further information, call the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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By order of the Board of Appeals,  
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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## Agawam

## Obituaries

## William S. Janulewicz

Southwick: William S. Janulewicz, 75, owner and proprietor of the former Feeding Hills Oil & Gas Co., died recently at Mercy Hospital in Springfield after a brief illness.

He also was owner and proprietor of the Feeding Hills Nursery and the Feeding Hills Auto Parts store, and had worked for 15 years at the former Westinghouse plant in Springfield.

Born in Cornwall, Connecticut, he came to Springfield at a young age and was educated in local schools. He lived in Agawam for 38 years before moving to Southwick eight years ago.

He was a former communicant of the Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills and was recently a communicant of Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Springfield.

He was a member of the Lions Club of Agawam and a founding member and past president of the Polish American Club of Agawam. He also was a member of the Morgan Horse Association.

He leaves his wife, the former Bertha Smigiel; a son, William Jr. of Southwick; a daughter, Barbara Ann Cohen of Ghent, New York; three sisters, Josephine Borys of Agawam, Helen Robinson of Russell, New York, and Mary Glica of East Longmeadow; and two grandchildren. A son, Frank, died in 1979.

The funeral was at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, and at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, with burial in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in the Bondsville section of Palmer.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 813 Williams St. Longmeadow, MA 01116, or to the National Kidney Foundation, 393 Maple St., Springfield.

## Estelle L. Konarski

Estelle L. (Hill) Konarski, 87, of 22 Alfred Circle, Agawam, a retired nurse's aide at Windsor Hall Rest Home in Windsor, Connecticut, died in Springfield Municipal Hospital.

She was born in West Springfield, and lived in Agawam since 1954. She was a communicant of Agawam First Baptist Church and was a member of the church's Knit and Stitch. She was also a member of the Clock and Watch Society and the Brotherhood of Railroad Auxiliary.

She leaves her husband, Victor F. Konarski. The funeral and burial is at the convenience of the family. Colonial Funeral Home was in charge.

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## Agawam GOP Elects Convention Delegates

The delegates who've been elected to represent Agawam Republicans at the Massachusetts State Convention in May are:

Christian Quatrone, chairman of the Agawam Republican City Committee; James Taylor, Cindy Sanford, Vincent Callahan, Priscilla Peterson, Jill Simpson, Virginia Lake, Eleanore Richards, Ron Bennett, Mayor Christopher Johnson, Mary Hunter, Andrew Campbell, Pat Affleck, Robert Danie, and Jay Sylvain.

Bob McGovern was elected to serve as an alternate delegate. Jesse Fuller was elected as a delegate but will be unable to attend, so Pat Affleck (who was elected as first delegate) will replace Fuller at the Convention.

Delegates from across the state will be nominating candidates for statewide offices. The Convention will be held at the Springfield Civic Center on Saturday, May 14th.

## Congressman Neal Hailed By Consumers

The Consumer Federation of America (CFA) has announced that Congressman Richard E. Neal (D) of Massachusetts has once again been named to their list of Congressional Consumer Heroes. The CFA gave Congressman Neal a perfect rating of 100 for votes taken during the First Session of the 103rd Congress.

This rating was based on 10 "key" consumer votes taken during the 1993 Congressional session. Included among these votes were Child Safety Protection, Budget Reconciliation, Family and Medical Leave, Campaign Finance Reform, Reinventing Government and Spending Cuts, and the National Service Program.

Congressman Neal, who has a CFA lifetime rating of 94, responded to the announcement by saying, "As in the past, it is extremely satisfying to receive such a favorable rating from the Consumer Federation of America. Consumer concerns have always been among my top priorities, and will remain so as long as I serve in public office."

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## Families

# Former AHS Grad, Now A Photojournalist Has Pix Of Mosque Murderer Published

by Peggy Shoemaker  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Beverly Orr, an Agawam native living in Washington, D.C., is employed as an accountant in the office of Consumer Advocate Ralph Nader, but it is her hobby of photography that is gaining recognition in the Capital area.

One photograph of Baruch Goldstein, a Brooklyn doctor who migrated to Israel and in March gunned down 30 Palestinians while they prayed in a mosque in Hebron, was used by *The Washington Post* on March 6th. Goldstein had been beaten to death by the angry crowd after the mass killings. The newspaper story with the photo sought to explain his rationale.

The photograph used by *The Post* was taken in 1988 when Miss Orr went to the Mideast as a freelance photographer with Ellen Hosmer, an editor-at-large for *Multinational Monitor News Magazine*. The two photographed and interviewed 100 Israelis and Palestinians about the Mideast conflict. They spent a day with Dr. Goldstein in the settlement of Kiryat Arba photographing and interviewing as he made his rounds of patients outside of Hebron.

### Collection Exhibited In 1989

Upon their return to Washington, Miss Orr's photographs were matted and accompanied with comments, anecdotes, stories, and the actual words of the persons pictured. The collection was exhibited at The Worthy Gallery on 29th St. N.W., Washington in 1989. It was one of these photographs that *The Washington Post* used recently. The accompanying story used Goldstein's quotes from Hosmer's notes to present an explanation for his actions.

In effect, Dr. Goldstein believed that Israel was given to the Jews by God and therefore is theirs without question, but he said the Palestinians would never accept that. No matter how they talk about co-existence, he thought the Palestinians believe the Jews to be trespassers on their land. He spoke of Judaism being different from democracy in that democracy is rule of and by the majority, while Jewish rights are God-given, not to



FORMER AGAWAM HIGH GRADUATE Beverly Orr is proving her hobby of photojournalism is much more than that.

be compromised.

He concluded that the Palestinians would have to be driven out, or they would try to evict the Jews. They might even try to eventually accomplish this by popular vote.

During their trip to Israel, Miss Orr and Hosmer spoke with leaders of the Palestinians and major political parties of Israel, as well as a variety of ordinary people in an attempt to record the faces and words of the conflict that has engulfed the region for more than 40 years (but is rooted in several thousands of years of turmoil).

Hosmer edited the monthly news magazine, *Multinational Monitor*, for three years and edited manuscripts for the Center for Study of Responsive Law in Washington. Credit is given to Miss Orr in the acknowledgements in some of the consumer books published by Ralph Nader's office. Miss Orr has a dark room where she develops her own films in her home.

### Interest Sparked By Visit To Japan

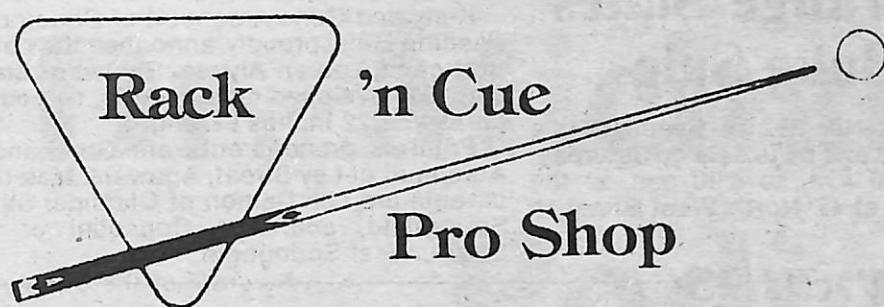
Her interest in photography germinated when she went to Japan around 1978 to visit with her brother, Gregory, who was teaching at Doshisha University in Kyoto. He is now with the diplomatic service in Moscow as an attaché of Cultural Affairs. Last autumn, she visited and photographed people and places in Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, and Moscow. She notes the cultures as well as current situations.

She has also photographed in Malawa, South Africa (while on safari). Some of her photos have been printed in *Vanity Fair Magazine*.

As a creative sideline, Miss Orr makes "Pooch Profiles" on request. These are wall hangings consisting of a matted photograph of a pet dog. In a mat opening below the photograph is a thumbnail profile of the subject. The information includes the dog's name, breed, age, home, traits,

SEE BEVERLY ORR - Page 10...

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## Agawam Library To Celebrate National Week

April 17th through 23rd is "National Library Week" as proclaimed by the American Library Association. This year's theme is "Libraries Change Lives," highlighting the positive impact public libraries across the country have upon the lives of millions of people.

The Agawam Public Library literally puts a world of information at your fingertips. To the new parent, the library can be a source of information on pre-natal care and parenting skills. To the toddler attending a storytime, the library fosters a life-long love of reading and helps achieve skills such as listening, sharing, and participating in group activities—years before they attend school.

To the student doing homework or research, the Agawam Public Library is a major source of information and assistance. The library also strives to meet the diverse information needs of its thousands of adult patrons. Job seekers, day care providers, homeowners (do-it-yourselfers), and those seeking medical information are just a few of the dissimilar constituencies that turn to this public library for information.

Businessmen and women see the library as a rich source of knowledge whether they are looking to hone their computer skills or remain abreast of the latest management trends through the library's collection of books and periodicals. To the senior citizen, the library offers an excellent collection of large-print books, books-on-tape, and informational and educational programs.

Even though the Agawam Public Library offers many new and sophisticated resources such as CD-ROM, an on-line circulation and inter-library loan system, and recently developed formats such as books-on-tape, compact discs, and videotapes, the primary mission of the public library has not changed... to provide books and information resources that help people of all ages and backgrounds learn and enrich their lives.

The Agawam Public Library will be celebrating "National Library Week" with a special display of new books, books-on-tape, and videocassettes for its patrons to check out. Also, on Tuesday, April 19th, the children's department will be sponsoring a performance by Kit 'n Kaboodle entitled "Music, Magic and Mime."

The library will also have a special treat planned for all of the children who sign up for their first library cards.

## Community Grange Notes National Week

In observance of Grange Week throughout the United States, Community Grange No. 382 will hold an open meeting at the Grange Home, 47 North West Street, Tuesday, April 19th at 7:30 p.m. to which the public is welcome.

Once a year each Grange may present the National Community Citizen Award to a non-Grange individual or group for outstanding service to the community. This year, Mrs. Marialyse Rivers, Town Nurse, was chosen to receive the award due to her dedicated work and helpfulness to many in town who needed her.

Other awards will be made to Naida King for 60 years of membership, and David Ladizki will receive a Silver Star certificate for 25 years of service to the Grange. All of these are National Grange Awards and will be presented by M. Joan Comee, Master of the local Grange and Pomona of Massachusetts State Grange.

Those who have received the Community Citizen Award recently and have been invited to attend are *The Agawam Advertiser News*, the E.M.T. unit of the town ambulance, Mrs. Roberta Doering, Wayne Macey, Mrs. Laura Cincotta, and Marilyn Curry.

Miriam Caldwell, Flora of the Massachusetts State Grange, will speak of her experiences and what the Grange is all about. Annmarie's Dance Place Plus will entertain with a variety of dances. Visiting Grangers are expected from East Longmeadow, Westfield, Southwick, and Ludlow. Refreshments will be served.

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### Agawam "Senior Games" Activities

## Agawam Senior Athletes To Meet Wed., April 20th

The Agawam Senior Games Athletes (ASGA) will hold their next business meeting at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20th, at the Agawam Police Station Community Room. The meeting's guest, Mr. Robert Brunelle, will speak at 7:15 p.m.

Mr. Brunelle has been in the bowling industry and soccer for 33 years. A resident of Ludlow for 26 years, he was a regional supervisor at AMF (American Machine Foundry) for 12 years, is married, and has three children.

Mr. Brunelle is in the process of establishing a bowling alley in what formerly housed Joe Collitti's Clothing on Walnut Street Extension and hopes to open up for business by early September.

The public is invited to attend this ASGA meeting.

## Community Grange To Hold Third Annual Ziti Supper On May 7th

Community Grange No. 382 of Feeding Hills will hold its third annual ziti supper on Saturday, May 7th, with continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The Grange Hall is located at 47 North West Street in Feeding Hills.

The menu will include ziti, meatballs, salad, Italian bread, homemade pastries, coffee, tea, and milk. The cost is \$6 for adults, and \$3 for children under 12 years of age.

Reservations can be made with Hannah Binns at 786-4052, or with Florence Blish at 786-6172.

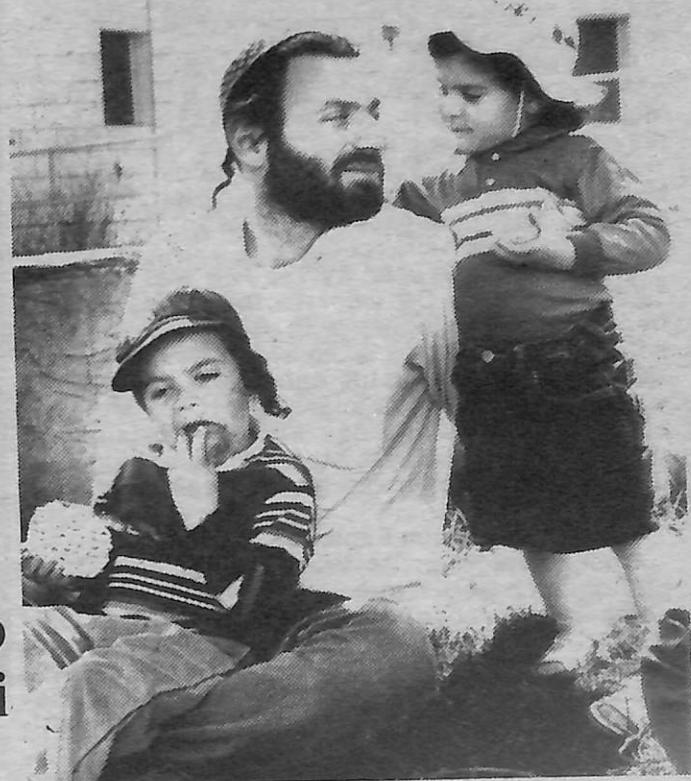
## Comm. Grange Slates Tag And Bake Sale

Community Grange No. 382 of Feeding Hills will hold its annual tag and bake sale on Saturday, April 23rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Grange Hall, located at 47 North West Street in Feeding Hills.

### BEVERLY ORR - from Page 9...

human most admired, goals in life, phobias, most treasured toy and favorite activity, food, accomplishment, and vacation spot. The wall hanging is about 14 feet by 18 feet and is signed by Miss Orr and dated.

She attended Agawam High School, where she was editor-in-chief of the yearbook (*Sachem*), she was a member of several choral groups and the National Honor Society. She graduated from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and chose to reside in that area. She is the daughter of Raymond and Alice Orr of School Street, Agawam.



THIS MAN, Baruch Goldstein, was identified as the gunman behind the massacre of 30 Palestinians who prayed in a mosque in Hebron. The picture, taken by former Agawam High graduate Beverly Orr, appeared in *The Washington Post*. Beverly took the photo of Goldstein and his two children was visiting the Hebron area six years ago.

## Arsenaults Announce Birth Of First Child

Kelly and Gene Arsenault of Christopher Lane, Feeding Hills, proudly announce the birth of their first child, Lauren Alyssa. She was born on April 1st, 1994, weighed nine pounds, two ounces, and measured 22 inches in length.

Paternal grandparents are Gene and Annette Arsenault of Ley Street, Agawam. Maternal grandparents are Lee Damon of Oleander Street, West Springfield, and Ron Consolini of Westfield Street, West Springfield.

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## Composting In Your Backyard: The Economic & Environmental Benefits

by James D. Taylor, President  
Agawam Town Council

(This is the first in a two-part series on composting. Part 2 will be published in next week's edition).

"Rot is Hot," proclaimed *The New York Times Magazine*. By chance, I discovered this for myself when just a boy. In the late 1950's and early 60's, my family and I lived in the country. Solid waste disposal was not an issue, since we provided most of our waste disposal right at home.

Papers and other combustibles were burned in an upright 55 gallon drum with the top knocked out of it. Tin cans and glass were collected monthly by the town and buried in the town dump. Yard waste was burned or dumped over an embankment and garbage was tossed in a heap out by the edge of the woods. This last method of disposal yielded some pleasant surprises for me.

One spring day, when making my dutiful pilgrimage to the garbage heap, I discovered tomato plants growing in the midst of this rotting mass. Enthusiastically, I transplanted them to a garden patch of my own, where they would receive plenty of sunshine. When other fruits and vegetables sprouted up in the garbage heap, I transplanted them as well. Before long my mini-garden was producing squash, cucumbers, and red, ripe tomatoes—much to my father's chagrin.

My father's garden was as big as some building lots and very productive. He insisted on using chemical fertilizers and, occasionally, chicken or pig manure. However, my organic tomato plants were several weeks ahead of his store-bought tomato sets.

While dad's blossoms were turning into little green tomatoes, my tomatoes were changing from orange to ripe red. I didn't know it then, but I had accidentally discovered the value of humus.

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Today, that same area of Feeding Hills is part of suburbia and solid waste disposal is a major issue needing to be resolved. Plastics, metals, and newspapers are recycled and yard waste is banned from landfills and incinerators. And, of course, no one is allowed to burn in a barrel. What next?

Backyard composting, that's what. It can reduce municipal solid waste collection and disposal costs, and return a useful, economical, and ecologically sound product to the individual.

Composting is nature's way of recycling organic matter by decomposition into a rich soil amendment called humus. For thousands of years the Chinese have preserved the fertility of their fields through composting. Even the ancient Romans developed their own composting formulas.

Today, yard waste (leaves, weeds, grass clippings, and branches), as well as many food scraps, can be recycled through this process. Composting is aided by insects, earthworms, microorganisms, air, and water breaking organic matter down into nutrients that plants can absorb for food. This process may be accelerated by creating a compost pile (remember the garbage heap?) or by using a compost bin.

A compost pile or bin creates optimum conditions for nature to break down compost into a rich, dark humus. By keeping the pile large enough, especially in cooler weather, the temperature inside remains high enough for microorganisms to flourish.

Composting can be as simple as a pile of yard waste covered by a tarpaulin or as complex as a compost turning drum. Compost bins can be purchased or made from chicken wire, old pallets, or numerous other materials the homeowner may already have.

Generally, the pile should be at least a cubic yard in size to insure the proper internal temperature is maintained. An evenly distributed mixture of one-third "greens," like grass clippings or food scraps, and two-thirds "browns," like leaves or wood chips, can accelerate the composting process.

In the summer, when dried leaves may not be available, shredded cardboard or paper can be blended with grass to facilitate decomposition. England's Middleborough Botanic Center even uses old, shredded money for composting. Sprinkling garden soil or finished compost between the layers will "seed" it with microbes, further accelerating decomposition. Larger items, like branches, should be chopped or shredded to increase the surface area exposed to the hungry microbes in the composter.

(Next week—How backyard composting benefits your municipality.)

## Cub Scout Pack 78 To Hold Car Wash

Cub Scout Pack 78 from Feeding Hills Congregational Church will hold its annual car wash on Saturday, April 23rd.

The car wash will take place in the parking lot of Partner's Restaurant at 485 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills. The scouts will be washing cars from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Donation is \$2.

Proceeds from the sale will be used toward Pack activities, awards, and annual charter fees.

## St. Anthony Women's Guild To Present "Shower Of Fashions"

The St. Anthony's Women's Guild of St. Anthony Maronite Catholic Church, Springfield, will present "A Shower of Fashions" on April 27th at Chez Josef, Agawam.

Cocktails will be served at 6:00 p.m., and dinner will commence at 7:00 p.m. The donation for the evening is \$25 per person.

Fashions will be provided by Mary Wentworth, Jelly Bean Kids, and Ugo's Men's Wear, East Longmeadow.

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KATHLEEN & EDWARD ARNOLD served as the installing officers at the Installation Banquet of the Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter II. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



NEW OFFICERS OF THE Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter II. From left - Ernest Swanson, treasurer; Louis Scherpa, president; Barbara Kupec, corresponding secretary; Rita Matys, recording secretary; Leanore Dion, chaplain; and Edward Grimes, vice-president. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Golden Age Club Installs New Officers

Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield was the location selected by Chapter II of the Agawam Golden Age Club for its installation of newly elected officers held on April 6th.

The program started with a social hour at 11:00 a.m., followed by delicious dinners of roast beef, breast of capon, and tasty scrod at 12:00 noon.

President Louis Scherpa led the seniors in the Pledge of Allegiance and Chaplain Leanore Dion offered a prayer prior to the banquet. Installing officers Edwin Arnold and Kathleen Arnold charged each newly elected club officer with the duties of his or her respective office.

Kathleen Arnold, acting as Marshal, pinned a badge on each officer and marched each one around the assembled members who applauded as they sat at their individual tables.

A standing ovation was received by President Louis Scherpa for his outstanding work and dedication to the Golden Age Club. Also installed were Edward Grimes, Vice President; Barbara Kupec, Corresponding Secretary; Rita Matys, Recording Secretary; Leanore Dion, Chaplain; and Ernest Swanson, Treasurer. Music during the installation was played by Barbara Swanson.

Program Chairperson Virginia Lake secured a talented tap dancing group of seniors from Greenfield, Massachusetts to entertain the Agawam club after the installation service. President Louis Scherpa concluded the festivities by expressing thanks to all club members for their continued interest and support during the past year. He then presented the attractive floral centerpiece at the head table to Golden Age Club member Dorothy Naciewicz.



PICTURED ARE SOME OF THE many members of the Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter II, who attended the recent Installation Banquet. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Agawam Library To Recognize Library Volunteers

In addition to being "National Library Week," April 17th through 23rd is also "National Volunteer Week," so it is an especially appropriate time for the Agawam Public Library staff to take a moment to express its gratitude to the dedicated group of volunteers listed below.

These volunteers perform many time-consuming clerical tasks for the library staff, which (in turn) allows the staff to spend more of their time planning programs, selecting materials, and—most importantly—working with the public. In all, the volunteers listed here contributed over 1,680 man-hours to the Agawam Public Library in 1993.

The Agawam Public Library volunteers are: Nellie Balbos, James Breton, Rashawnn Brookins, Dorothy Brown, Judy Day, Ruth Devine, Frank Evangelist, Ruth Galica, Sally Lowell, Barbara Miller, Pauline Mortenson, Eileen Ratkiewicz, and Norma Wheeler.

Special mention should be made of the three volunteers who contributed the most time in 1993—Dot Coon (143 hours), Mimi Bryson (400 hours), and Barbara Hodges (577 hours).

When you consider the fact that the Agawam Public Library has a staff that is 44% smaller than the average for public libraries serving communities of our population size—and that in spite of the small staff, the library's circulation is about 12% higher than the state average—you can begin to appreciate the important role that the volunteers play in the library's efforts to provide quality services to residents of Agawam and Feeding Hills.

Once again, on behalf of their patrons, the staff of the Agawam Public Library offers a whole-hearted "THANK YOU" to its dedicated volunteers!

## Town Of Agawam Recognizes Volunteers With Flag Ceremony

The Points of Light Foundation sponsors National Volunteer Week to honor those who reach out to others and to call attention to the need for more community services from individuals, groups, and families.

"Volunteers, the Promise of a Nation," is this year's theme, emphasizing that only through the power of nationwide volunteer service is there hope to solve the serious social problems plaguing our communities.

Year after year, volunteers provide essential services to those in need of assistance. They will be celebrated during the upcoming 21st National Volunteer Week, April 17th-23rd. A Proclamation traditionally underscores National Volunteer Week to remind the nation of the contributions volunteers make to society.

The Town of Agawam honored its community volunteers with a proclamation and flag raising ceremony held on Thursday, April 14th in the front of the Town Hall at 2:00 p.m.

Other events that will honor National Volunteer Week include "Carnival Atmosphere," Tuesday, April 19th, Holyoke Merry-Go-Round, Heritage Park, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. (clowns, face painting, and refreshments); "Indoor Picnic," Thursday, April 21st, Boys' & Girls' Club of Chicopee, Meadow Street, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. (hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages, ice cream cones, and cookies); "Brunch," Friday, April 22nd, Springfield Boys' Club/Carew Street Hill Girls' Club, Carew Street, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (breakfast will be served via MCDI Culinary Arts Department students).

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## Two Granger Students Win In Conn. Pageant

Faith King and Kari Trauschke, both from Granger School, were recent winners in the Olympic Miss Pageant in Connecticut.

Faith was awarded the title of Petite Olympic Miss, and Kari was awarded the title of Young Olympic Miss. The titles were earned by having the highest combined score over all the contestants in their age division in Beauty, Modeling, Photogenic, and Talent.

Faith also received an award for Grand Champion Model and was named Miss Elite. Kari was named Most Beautiful.

Faith is six years-old and is the daughter of Lisa King of Feeding Hills. Kari, age 10, is the daughter of Alan and JoAnn Trauschke of Feeding Hills. Both girls attend Annmarie's Dance Place Plus, and will be competing in the Olympic Miss Nationals this summer.

## Susan M. Uschmann Engaged To Wed

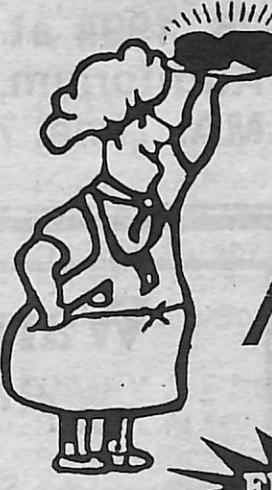
Frederick A. and Patricia C. Uschmann of 811 North Street, Feeding Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Marie, to Richard Malinoski of West Springfield. He is the son of Philip L. and Joan C. Malinoski of 97 Florida Drive, Agawam.

The wedding is planned for May 28th.

The future bride is a graduate of Agawam High School, Holyoke Community College, and Westfield State College. She is currently employed by McDonald's Corporation of Windsor, Connecticut.

Her fiance is a graduate of Agawam High School and the University of Massachusetts. He is also currently employed by McDonald's Corporation of Windsor, CT.

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## Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, April 18th:** Senior Center Closed. PATRIOT'S DAY.

**Tuesday, April 19th:** Chicken supreme, wild rice, carrots, Canadian oat bread, apple.

**Wednesday, April 20th:** Meatloaf w/gravy, baked potato, green beans, whole wheat bread, mixed fruit.

**Thursday, April 21st:** Cream of mushroom soup, turkey sandwich, tomato & lettuce, apple turnover.

**Friday, April 22nd:** Baked fish, baked beans, cole slaw, rye bread, canned peaches.

Menu subject to change without notice.)

## Membership Drive Now In Full Swing For Senior Center

The membership drive for Friends of the Agawam Senior Center is in full swing, and people across the community are asking, "What is 'Friends'?"

"Friends" is a nonprofit corporation whose purpose is to raise funds to supplement the budget for senior services. Membership is open to all Agawam residents, regardless of age. Our yearly membership fee is \$3.

Are you interested in joining, in helping to improve senior services? Join our new members, Edward and Shirley Attardi, Joyce Bickford, Helen Boisonneault, Helene Brocka, Laura & Thomas Coppola, Rosemarie Cudworth, Richard DiLullo, Wilfred Gadbois, Claire Goudreau, Anna Johnson, Mary Juliano, Carl & Cheryl Kaufmann, Claire Lawrence, Jane & J.J. McCarthy, Virginia & Franklin McCray, Vera Pickrell, Lillian & Bill Reed, Charles & Phyllis Rutkowski, Rosemary Sandlin, and Linda & Ronald Santinello.

"Friends" also enjoys the support of our state and local officials. State Senator Linda Melconian, State Representative Michael Walsh, Mayor Christopher Johnson, and Councilors George Bitzas, David Skolnick, and Nancy Thompson Gravel are members of "Friends."

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## Tiger Cubs Prepared For Blue & Gold Banquet



THE PACK 75 Monday Night Tiger Cubs were very busy preparing for the Annual Blue & Gold Banquet, which was held Saturday, April 9th, at the Springfield Turnverein. The Cubs made placemats and napkin holders for each person in their family, and planted flower and tomato seeds for their centerpiece.

## Vacation Program At Agawam Library Called Folktale Follies

Are you looking for something to do on vacation? Come to the Agawam Public Library for FOLKTALE FOLLIES on Thursday, April 21st from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

The library has some great new folk tales that will tickle your funny bone and a craft that will tickle your taste buds.

Children in grades kindergarten and up are invited and need to register by calling 789-1550 or stop by at 750 Cooper Street.

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## Kids' Performers At Agawam Library On Tuesday, April 19th

The Agawam Public Library welcomes back Kit 'n Kaboodle to help celebrate National Library Week with another great performance called MUSIC, MAGIC AND MIME on Tuesday, April 19th from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Audiences always find these entertainers a lot of fun. Everybody aged four and up is invited to register.

Do so by calling 789-1550 or stopping by at 750 Cooper Street.

**The Agawam School Committee will hold a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 1995 School Budget on Tuesday, April 26, 1994 at the Agawam Middle School Auditorium, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA. Time: 7:00 P.M.**

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## Tamara Rocca Engaged To Derek VanTassell

Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Rocca of Feeding Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Tamara Anne, to Derek L. VanTassell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard VanTassell of Florida.

Tammy and Derek both graduated from Agawam High School.

Derek served four years in the United States Coast Guard and presently works for his family's lawn care and landscaping business.

Tammy received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Westfield State College and is employed in the loan department of a Florida bank.

An August 1994 wedding is planned.



KELLI PEPPER &amp; MICHAEL POTTER

## Kelli Pepper To Wed Michael Potter On May 7th

Michael and Katherine Pepper of 86 Fox Farm Road, Feeding Hills announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Kelli, to Michael Potter, son of Gerald and Judith Potter of 60 Anvil Street, Feeding Hills.

A May 7th wedding is planned.

The future bride graduated from Agawam High School and attended Holyoke Community College. She is currently a customer service representative for the Springfield Newspapers.

Her fiance attended Agawam High School and Holyoke Community College. He is a field technician for Continental Cablevision in Westfield.

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## Donnelly's Announce Birth Of Son, Benjamin

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The growing Donnelly family makes its home in

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The maternal grandparents are Andrew and Anita Hastings of Feeding Hills. The paternal grandparents are Virginia Donnelly of Agawam and John Donnelly of Marathon, Florida.

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# Church News

## Pancake Breakfast To Benefit First Baptist Youth Mission Trip

A pancake breakfast to benefit the First Baptist Youth Mission Trip will take place Saturday, April 16th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at The Firehouse at the Big E in West Springfield. The donation is \$3 for adults, and \$1.50 for children between six and 12 years of age (children five years of age and younger are free).

Thirteen teenagers (five from Agawam/Feeding Hills, five from West Springfield, one from Chicopee, and two from Enfield, CT) who are members of the First Baptist Youth Group of West Springfield, will be traveling to the Appalachians in Eastern Kentucky in late June through early July.

According to the February-March 1994 issue of *World Vision*, "In the heart of Appalachia, where seven states stack in a zigzag running north and south on the map, 30 percent of the population lives below the U.S. poverty level. And more than half live in poverty in places like Owsley County, Kentucky."

"At times, everyone in nearby Livingston has lived below poverty level. There, 40 percent of the homes are substandard. The leaky trailers with sinking floors, and shacks with walls so full of holes that you can see through them, make the two-story home of television's Walton family look well-to-do."

The teens, along with six youth leaders, will be working on some of these homes of the economically disadvantaged. Scraping and painting homes, roofing, and minor repairs are a few of the work projects slated.

Fundraisers have been held throughout the last 12 months, and so far the teens have raised \$4,000 of the \$6,500 it will cost for travel, food, lodging, and materials needed for the work project.

All of the teens have been active in fundraisers ranging from a Time, Talent and Treasure Auction (which was held last November) to asking family and friends to take "STOCK" in our youth by purchasing a share of stock for \$20 (each teen has also purchased their own personal share of stock).

The bearer of a SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) stock certificate will be invited to a pre-trip get-together, will receive correspondence from one of the teens while in Kentucky, and will be invited to a post-trip party where the teens will talk about their experience and share their pictures of work crews and projects.

The pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 16th, will be the last big-scale fundraiser the youth group will hold.

## Rosary Altar Society Finalizes Plans For Its "Mystery Ride"

The Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church has finalized plans for its Mystery Ride. Due to the sacrament of Confirmation and the public schools being on vacation, the date for this event will be April 26th.

The time: bus leaves the parking lot at 7:30 p.m. Destination: that's the mystery. Plan to board the bus and be the first to know just where it's going.



THESE FIVE YOUTHS from Agawam will be attending a youth mission this summer to the Appalachian Mountains in Eastern Kentucky. From left - Ray Langdon, Nelson Rosado, Jason Cogswell, Neil Graham, and Nick Graham. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

Spring into spring with the Agawam Congregational Church's "Spring Festival," sponsored by The Ladies Aid Society. It will be held on Saturday, April 16th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the church (745 Main Street, Agawam).

Come and join the celebration of springtime where you will find a "Garden Gate," "Country Craft Shop," "Nutmeg Bakery," "The Cutting Edge," and many more booths.

Stop at the "Daffodil Lunch Cafe" for rest and refreshment. Enjoy a chicken salad plate, ham and potato salad, seafood roll with lemon delight, or fresh fruit for dessert.

Local crafters will also be showing their wares. Don't miss out!

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This Sunday, April 17th, is Youth Sunday at Agawam Congregational Church. The church's 3\*2\*1KONTACT Group (kindergarten through third grade) will be leading and participating in the service.

Join the service at 10:30 a.m. and see our future leaders of the world.

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The New Member Class begins on Wednesday, April 20th, at 7:35 p.m. and will continue for two more sessions (scheduled at a later date). These sessions will review the history and policy of the church.

The classes will cover the church's exciting program and mission work.

## Best local news

## "Spring Festival" To Be Held At Ag. Congregational Church

The first annual "Spring Festival," sponsored by the Ladies Aid Society of the Agawam Congregational Church, will take place Saturday, April 16th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the church (745 Main Street, Agawam).

Join the celebration of spring with the many booths of church and local crafters selling their wares. Enjoy lunch at the "Daffodil Lunch Cafe"; the menu for the day is a chicken salad plate, ham and potato salad, or seafood roll with lemon delight, and fresh fruit for dessert.

Don't miss out on the fun, food, fellowship, and finds that are there for you to take home. Stop by to feast on the sights of springtime!

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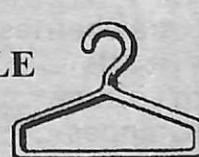
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**Church News - continued...****St. John's CCD Class Relays Hopes, Dreams For The Future**

The sixth grade students in St. John's Religious Education Class taught by Rita Scott would like to relay their concerns and dreams for the future.

The students involved with this project were Heather Cripps, Valerie Cross, Joe Gaulin, Allan Grassetti, Stephanie Keenan, Hilary King, Kristen Kocot, David Moore, Angela Petrone, Melanie Poirier, Michael Ratkiewicz, Angelina Roy, Allan Sieracki, Melissa Spaveri, and Joe Valenti.

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**WHO DO I TALK TO WHEN.....**

Someone is threatening to beat me up.

I have a problem and the adults think it is not a real problem.

My opinion doesn't count.

No one seems to understand.

I need to tell someone something but I'm afraid that they will tell or spread it around the school.

I can't talk to my parents.

I don't feel like being alive.

Your parents are busy and all there is are your brothers and sisters.

I have a problem that needs to be discussed.

My teacher is being mean and the principal is not on my side.

**HOW DO I GET YOU TO LISTEN WHEN...**

I have a problem and you are too busy to listen.

I am trying to change something and everyone thinks I am too young.

I am about to do something bad.

You don't have time for me.

I want your attention.

I have already talked to you about a subject and you don't want to hear it again.

You reject me and have no time.

I need you to.

**I HOPE THAT I AM AROUND TO SEE...**

Everyone getting along and helping each other.

The end of wars and crimes in the world.

World peace.

SEE ST. JOHN'S - Page 18...

**St. Theresa's CCD Students At Heritage Hall**

SOME OF THE MEMBERS of the St. Theresa CCD Program recently entertained and served refreshments to residents at Heritage Hall Nursing Home. Students pictured are Martha Manning, Melissa King, Suzanne Svadebo, Marie Svadebo, Jacqueline Svadebo, Mary Manning, Danny Boissonneault, Christopher Graveline, and T.J. Graveline.

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## Church News - continued...

News And Notes From  
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It says on our money that we trust in God. Could it be that God trusts in us even more?

The Rev. Rob Donaldson will deliver the sermon entitled "In Us God Trusts" at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, U.C.C., this Sunday, April 17th. The service begins at 10:00 a.m. and child care is provided.

A refreshment hour follows the service. Sunday school also begins at 10:00 a.m.

For more information, call the church office from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at 786-5061.

Other events in the life of Feeding Hills Congregational Church this coming week include the following:

Family photos will be taken this Sunday immediately following the church service.

The Ladies Benevolent Society will meet on Monday, April 18th, at 1:00 p.m. The program will include the Executive Director of the Springfield Rescue Mission, Ronald Willoughby, as speaker. Kits for Church World Service will be put together also.

The 21-Plus Club Spring Retreat will be April 22nd-24th. It will take place again this year at the Warner Farm in Cummington, MA.

Kidszark Internationale  
To Be Held At Bethany

"Kidszark Internationale," led by Rev. Judy Mench, will take place on Friday, April 29th, Saturday, April 30th, and Sunday, May 1st, at Bethany Assembly of God, 580 Main Street, Agawam.

This super kids' rally will feature all sorts of fun, including music, drama, stories, and other activities.

The kickoff service will take place on Friday, April 29th, at 6:30 p.m.; A "Saturday Special" service will begin on April 30th at 2:00 p.m.; the "Super Church" service is scheduled for Sunday, May 1st, at 9:00 a.m.; and the closing rally will commence at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 1st.

Kids will enjoy this great time with "Kidszark Internationale," so invite your friends, too. See you there!

For additional information, call (413) 789-2930.

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No one using drugs.  
People recycling.  
The end of pollution.  
Everyone being treated with equality.  
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THINGS I HAVE TO DO TO GET YOUR ATTENTION...

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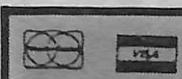
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## Spotlight On Business

### Hwang's Tae Kwon-Do Renovates Facility; Holds Open House

Hwang's School of Tae Kwon-Do recently held a grand reopening of its newly-renovated 5,000 square foot facility, located directly across from the Agawam Police Station on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. The event was a huge success.

Spectators were entertained throughout the day with demonstrations of kicking and punching techniques, self-defense, board-breaking, forms, and full sparing by the Hwang's students. The students range from ages four to 60.

The four and five year-old "mitey mites" began the demonstrations with a variety of techniques. This is a special program designed to be developmentally appropriate by offering balance, focus, coordination, discipline, and fun. Their enthusiasm, spirit, and energy was one of the day's highlights.

Demonsations were held on the hour by all students. Students also worked out throughout the day in the many training rooms available. The new bag room (1,400 square feet) has six heavy bags, focus pads, weight training, conditioning equipment, and more.

In addition to this new room, two formal training rooms are available to practice stretching, forms, etc.

The grand finale demonstration at 2:00 p.m. was performed by Agawam black belts and visiting Hwang's Association black belts, who came from as far away as New Hampshire and Connecticut to perform.

Various breaking and self-defense techniques were performed for Master K.S. Hwang (eighth degree black belt), the master instructor from Manchester, Connecticut. Mr. Raymond Shugart (fourth degree black belt), owner and operator of Hwang's in Feeding Hills, has been a devoted student of Master Hwang's for 20 years.

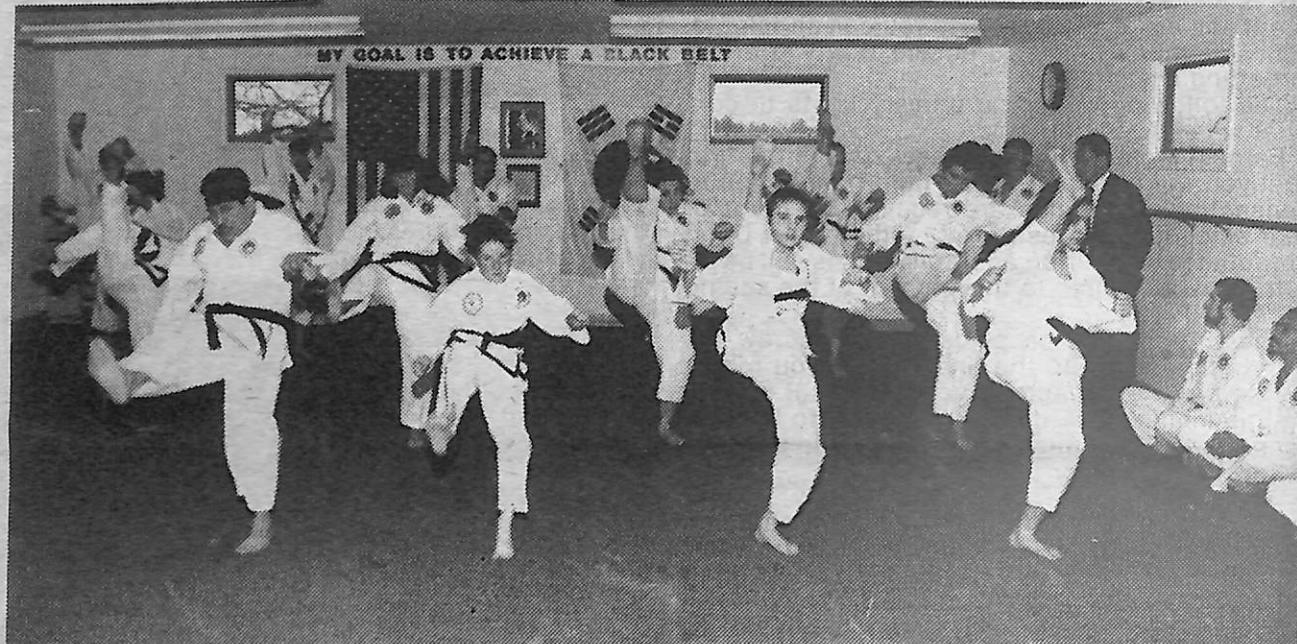
Shugart, the self-defense instructor for Springfield College for the past several years, demonstrated several self-defense techniques for the public. He also successfully completed a five board jump (back kick).

William Olansun, fourth degree black belt from Manchester, Connecticut, impressed the public with a five board punch; Shane Laungren, age eight, from Newington, Connecticut, completed a flying side kick break over a five foot pad. Shane is currently the youngest black belt with Hwang's.

SEE TAE KWON-DO - Page 21...



**BLACK BELTS** from Hwang's Black Belt Association who attended the recent open house at the Feeding Hills facility. Back row, from left - William Oulundsen, Bob Laungren, Lizz Marzano, Harry Hill, Chris Giroux, John Manzi, Todd Rubner, Steve Goulet, Tom Metzner, and Raymond Shugart (owner, chief instructor). Second row - Pasqual Oyola, Jill Paveleysk, Carol Matos, and Teddy Perez. First row - Shane Laungren, Master K.S. Kwang, and Raymond Castro. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**BLACK BELTS** perform high rise stretching in preparation for demonstration at a recent open house at Hwang's School of Tae Kwon-Do in Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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The Home Buyer

With the warmer months of spring and summer approaching, the thoughts of many "cabin fever" Americans turn to the dream of home ownership. Researched properly, this purchase can be the most joyful investment you ever make.

Although most of us are familiar with basic financing and the necessary down payment, there are many less publicized costs involved in buying a home. Many people don't account for the "little extras" and end up disillusioned with a home purchase.

It is important to sit down with your real estate agent and make a list of costs you can anticipate. Your agent can help you ensure that you aren't forgetting anything.

The following are some primary costs to consider when buying a home:

**Earnest Money**—In most cases, this is the first cost you will have and varies from transaction to transaction. The funds are required as proof of your sincerity and desire to buy the home. Upon acceptance of an offer, additional funds will be required (usually three to five percent of the selling price).

These funds will be placed in an escrow account and applied to the final sale. If you follow all the parameters agreed upon, you will receive all this money back if you decide not to buy the home. But, be sure to check with your agent if your money is returnable.

**Down Payment**—This cost generally ranges from five to 20 percent of the final sale price of the home, but can be as low as three percent. When shopping for mortgages, find out the lender's policy.

**Real Estate Taxes**—Taxes can normally be obtained from your real estate agent. Anticipate a five to eight percent increase each year. Payments are generally either made twice a year or integrated into your monthly mortgage payment to your lender.

**Legal Fees**—Again, these vary upon the lawyer you choose. Consider someone who is well-versed in real estate law and ask friends and family members for recommendations. Then ask the attorney what his/her rate is and how much time is anticipated to be spent on closing.

**Moving Charges**—Companies usually charge on an hourly basis by the number of movers required and distance. Expect to also pay for insurance, cartons, and packing materials. Find out all additional charges to avoid a surprise.

Expect to call several moving companies for estimates and get referrals before making a choice. You can save considerable money by

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**Mortgage Application Fees**—You can check these costs by calling several lending institutions and comparison shopping. When applying, remember these fees are usually non-refundable. Also, see if a mortgage insurance policy is necessary and what it costs.

**Points**—The most common method used to calculate a fee for a mortgage, points vary with mortgage programs, lenders, and interest rates charged. One point is equal to one percent of the total mortgage loan amount.

They are due to the mortgage lender at closing. Fees generally range from zero to three points. By paying more points, you often get a better mortgage rate. Contact lenders for their current rate and/or point structure.

**Inspections**—It has become standard practice to have any home you are considering checked for construction stability and needed repairs. Depending on the company you choose, inspection

costs range from \$125 to \$200. Request a written report from whomever you select. Your real estate agent can usually provide you with a list of companies to choose from.

**Homeowners Insurance**—Prices depend on the value and location of the home and the size of the lot. Comparison shop and find an insurance agent you trust. If you have any family heirlooms or expensive jewelry, an additional rider policy should be purchased.

**Title Fees**—These range from title search to title insurance, and costs vary; ask your lender or attorney for estimated fees.

Don't be caught off guard when it comes time to buy your dream home. Sit down with a professional real estate agent and discuss all the expenses related to purchasing a home. Remember, saving for these costs early in the hunting process is a lot better than being surprised when it comes time to apply for a mortgage.

(John Schuler is the Broker/Owner of CENTURY 21 Newschu Real Estate, Inc., located at 20 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, MA [789-1117].)

## Retirement Party to honor Police Chief Stanley J. Chmielewski



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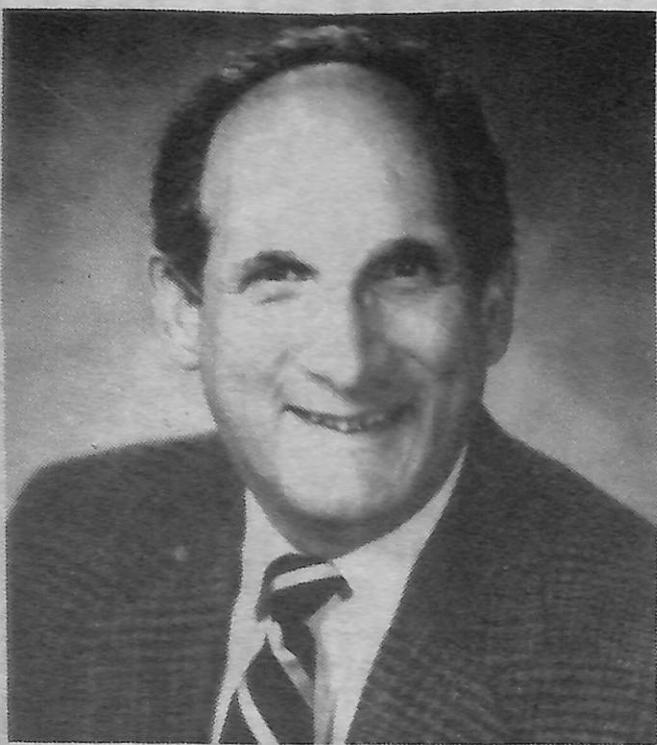
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A resident of East Longmeadow, John received his Bachelor's Degree at Wesleyan University, a Master's Degree from Columbia University, and a PhD. from the University of Wisconsin. He is a member of the Mapleshade School Advisory Council and formerly served on the East Longmeadow Cultural Affairs Committee.

John's new position with the company includes the enhancement of the existing sales force by hiring new and seasoned real estate associates, conducting career seminars for the public as well as private corporations, and assisting those people who wish to enroll in the firm's real estate pre-licensing school.

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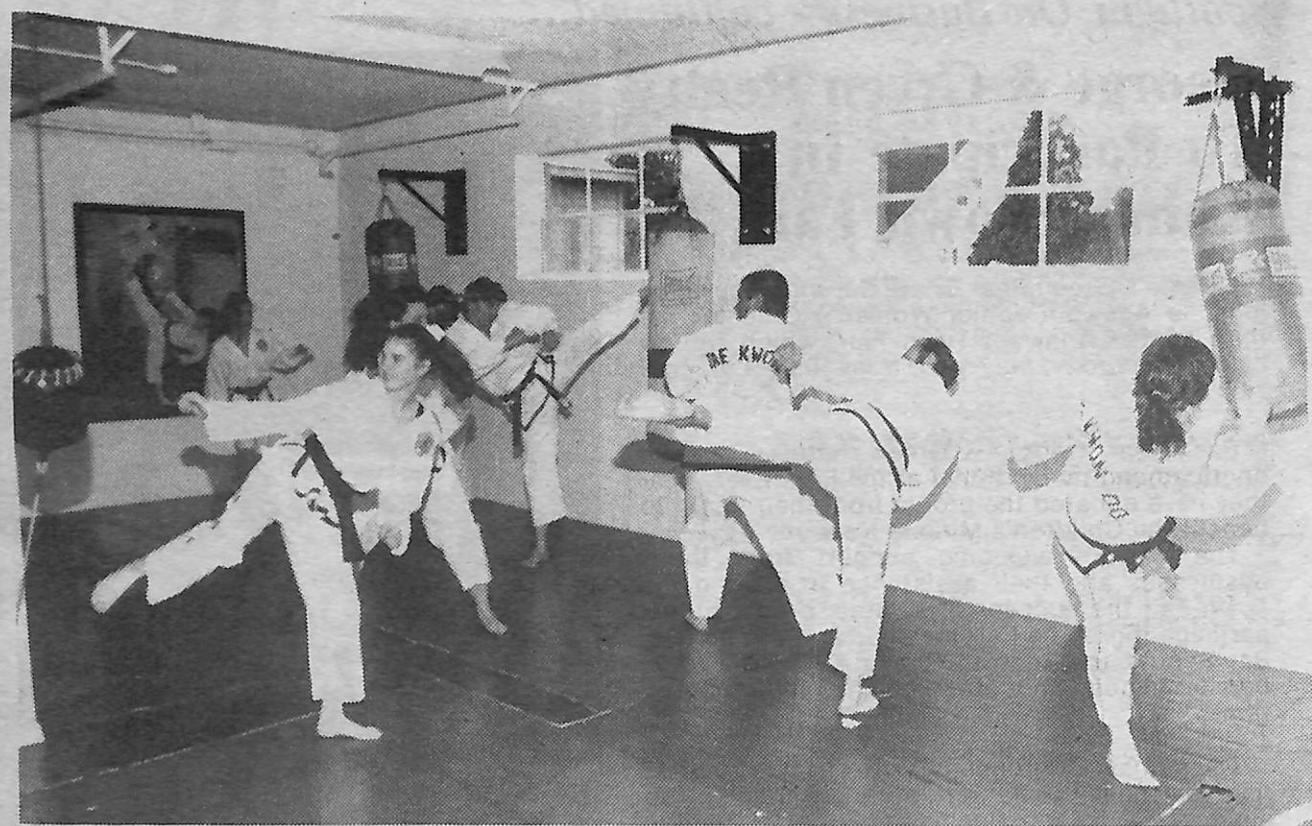
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BLACK BELTS work out in the new 1,400 square foot bag room at Hwang's School of Tae Kwon-Do in Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Christopher Mongeon Named Food Service Mgmt. Professional

Christopher J. Mongeon of Agawam, the Director of Dining Services at Westfield State College, has been certified as a Food Service Management Professional (FMP), the highest credential awarded to food service industry professionals by The Educational Foundation of the National Restaurant Association.

The FMP certification recognizes individuals who demonstrate professional experience, knowledge, and dedication to the industry.

Mongeon has been working in the food service industry for 18 years, 15 of which have been spent in management. Mongeon holds a bachelor of science in hotel and restaurant management from the University of Houston.

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### TAE KWON-DO - from Page 19...

Agawam black belt Todd Rubner completed a seven foot jump spin kick during his demo. "Everyone did a great job and most importantly, everyone had fun," Shugart said afterwards.

The new facility is impressive. The new parents' waiting room is comfortable. Each training room is easily monitored. The new offices are efficient and private for any consultations. If you missed the open house, feel free to come in at any time and watch a class and see what happens at the school, Shugart told us.

There are various programs available to suit everyone's needs and budgets. Hwang's offers women's classes in Tae Kwon-Do and self-defense, four and five year-old mitey mite classes, beginner, intermediate, and advanced black belt classes. The school is open five days a week with a class schedule to meet your needs.

For class information, call Hwang's School of Tae Kwon-Do, Raymond Shugart, owner and operator, at 786-4158.

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*Spotlight On Business - continued...*

## George & Green Realty To Participate In Annual Town Fair

George & Green Real Estate Co. will once again join the Agawam Junior Women's Club for the third annual Agawam Town Fair, which will be held on Saturday, May 14th, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Each year, George & Green features a game booth among many others at the Fair. Every year they have donated the profits from their booth to benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

The Juniors welcome support from these businesses and their assistance in making the Town Fair the success it is. Other organizations participating in the Fair are church youth groups, Boy Scouts, the Agawam Senior Athletics Group, booster clubs, and other community organizations.

The number of groups has grown from 10 to 12 this year, and the Juniors are always willing to add more. Tickets per game are 25 cents, and the profits go to the organization in charge of the game.

Join the fun! Enjoy the food concession, game booths, face painting, and much more. And, get a chance to dunk your favorite politician!

If your organization is interested in raising funds for a special project, here is your opportunity. Call Nancy at 786-9972.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the Federation of Women's Clubs and the Massachusetts Federation of Women's Clubs.



EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS of George & Green Real Estate at the 1993 Town Fair sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club. Proceeds from the game booth benefitted the Children's Miracle Network Telethon.

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## Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell  
Registered Dietician

### Answers To Common Questions About The New Food Label

Are you confused about the new food label? Having trouble figuring out what the information means and how to use it?

Fear not, for the nutrition experts at The American Dietetic Association (ADA) can help you understand the new "Nutrition Facts" panel on food labels and choose foods wisely to meet your dietary goals.

Here are the three most common questions, along with the answers:

**(1) What is % Daily Value?**

The new % Daily Value (%DV) is an important tool to help you see how a food fits into your total diet. It gives you a rough idea of the nutrients one serving of food contributes to the amount recommended for the whole day.

Consider 100% as the "recommended total daily amount." For example, when you choose a food with a 25% DV for calcium, this means you will still have 75% DV of calcium to consume in other food choices.

The %DV is based on a sample daily diet of 2,000 calories. Your calorie needs may be higher or lower. To help you set nutrient goals and personalize DVs, you may want to contact a registered dietitian.

**(2) If I eat one food with a 30% DV for fat, does that mean I have met the recommended amount of dietary fat?**

No. You've probably heard of the dietary guideline for "less than 30 percent of calories from fat." That guideline refers to your total diet over time and not individual food choices. This dietary recommendation has already been factored into the %DV on the label. Therefore, by consuming 100% DV for fat, you will automatically meet the recommendation of no more than 30% of total calories from fat.

Don't select individual foods solely because their %DV for fat is 30% or less. The 30% guideline is for your *whole day's diet*, not individual foods. Remember, foods with higher and lower % DV for fat should balance each other as part of a diet that meets dietary recommendations.

**(3) If the % DV for a nutrient is close to 100%, does this mean it's a good food to include in my diet?**

It's important to remember there are no "good" or "bad" foods, only good and bad diets. The %DV for each nutrient is a guide to how much of the daily recommended amount is provided in one serving of food. This can help you balance your diet with a variety of foods that are higher and lower in particular nutrients.

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## Dietitian Nancy Dell Schedules Seminar At Agawam Senior Center

Nancy Dell, registered dietitian and TV personality of "News Center 22," is scheduled to do a seminar at the Agawam Senior Center on Tuesday, April 26th at 12:30 p.m.

With so many levels of diabetes, especially among the older citizens, Nancy will cover areas relating to "Diet And Diabetes." Nancy will also tell you how to "Win The Weight War."

Nancy has influenced many of us with her words of wisdom concerning our eating habits and self-respect. Many seniors at the Senior Center watch Nancy on TV. One senior, in particular, stands out as a 'role model,' who is 89 going on 60.

For more information, contact Sandra Smith, Activities Director, at 786-0400, ext. 242.

The "Lunch Bunch" has picked the Parthenon Restaurant to dine out at this month. If you are not

familiar with the "Lunch Bunch," here's how it works: if you like dining out and enjoy being with friendly people while dining, then this is for you.

The "Lunch Bunch" choose a restaurant of their choice for the up and coming month, and if it is a place that you would like to go, then you make a reservation with the Activities Department. On the day that is set for the luncheon, everyone meets at the Senior Center, where most carpool, and off you go to enjoy friends and a great afternoon.

Meal checks are all individual and include tax and gratuities. For April, the "Lunch Bunch" will meet at the Senior Center at 11:15 a.m. If you are interested in joining the group, please call the Center at 786-0400, ext. 242.

This fun group is open to any senior citizen. Your reservation must be in by Friday, April 15th for the Parthenon.

## Mercy Hosp. Offers Support Group For Chronic Pain Sufferers

Persons who suffer with chronic pain are invited to join a support group designed to provide help and support to persons, family members, and others affected by chronic pain. The support group is sponsored by the Pain Management Program, Weldon Center for Rehabilitation, Mercy Hospital.

The group's next meeting is scheduled for April 26th from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the Memorial House Library at the hospital. The support group meetings will be facilitated by Meredith McCarran, Ph.D., Director of the Pain Management Program. There is no fee, and coffee will be served.

These meetings are open to anyone who is experiencing chronic pain or who has a friend or loved one suffering from chronic pain. For more information, call 748-6830.

## 'Before Baby Brunches' Slated At Providence Hospital In Holyoke

The Center for Women's Health at Providence Hospital in Holyoke will offer its "Before Baby Brunches" series on April 23rd and May 7th from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the hospital auditorium.

"Before Baby Brunches" are a series of educational programs for women of child-bearing age and their partners, designed to address important health issues prior to conception.

"The series will focus on nutrition, health hazards such as the use of alcohol, tobacco and drugs, work and home environment concerns, genetic counseling and prenatal testing, as well as the challenges of becoming a parent," said Kathleen Lovell, coordinator for the Center for Women's Health.

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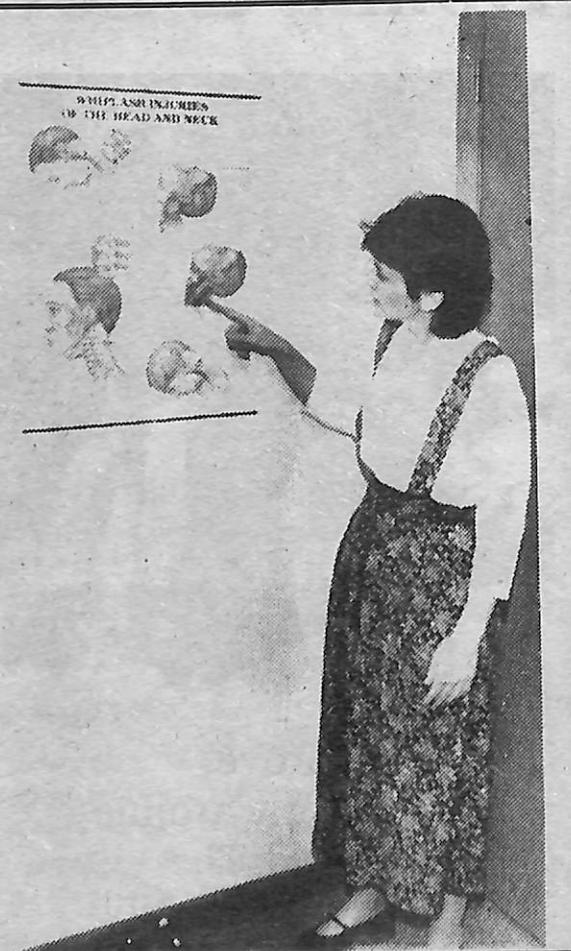
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## Better Breathers At Mercy Hospital

On Wednesday, April 27th, the "Better Breather Support Group" for people with C.O.P.D. (asthma, chronic bronchitis, or emphysema), will meet at Mercy Hospital, Medical Staff Room, Joseph Deliso Conference Center, 271 Carew Street, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Maureen Garvey, BSN, will speak about Pulmonary Rehab and Breathing Exercises.

These meetings are free of charge and open to anyone who is affected by lung disease, families, and friends.

For more information, call the American Lung Association, 737-3506, or Mercy Hospital Respiratory Department, 748-9610.

## CPR Course Planned At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital will offer a public education program on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (C.P.R.) on Wednesday, April 20th and 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the Noble Hospital Education Center, 2 Mill Street, Westfield.

Participants must attend both classes. The program is \$30.

For further information or to register, call (413) 568-2811, ext 529.

## Cancer Support Group At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital's Cancer Support Group will meet on Thursday, April 21st, at 7:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium A located on the ground floor.

The monthly support group is open to individuals with cancer, and their families or support persons. Nancy Ferguson, M.Ed., is the group facilitator.

Registration is not required. For further information, please contact Ana Nunez, R.N., Same Day Care at Noble Hospital, 568-2811, ext. 212.

*Please remember that Jack Devine needs at least 48 hours notice to cover your event. Call 789-0053.*

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## Head Injury Support Group Mtg. Scheduled At Mercy Hospital

The Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy Hospital sponsors a monthly support group for head injury patients, their families, and friends. The next meeting will be conducted on April 27th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Breck Room of the Deliso Conference Center at the hospital.

This monthly meeting will include an open discussion for members to share interests and concerns. Refreshments will be served. The group is offered as a community service and is free of charge.

For more information, contact Joanne Sullivan at 748-6990.

**NANCY DELL - from Page 23...**

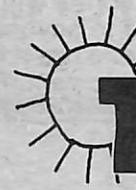
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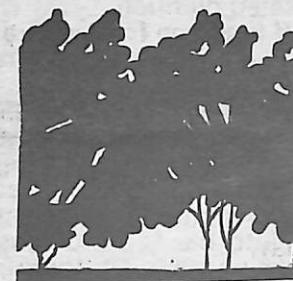
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## Arts

### Oliver Coming To F.H. Theatre



THE HILLTOP PLAYERS will present Lionel Bart's smash musical *Oliver* at the Red Door Theatre in Feeding Hills, next to the Valley Community Church, April 15th, 16th, 22nd, and 23rd at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 17th at 2:00 p.m. All tickets are \$5 and may be reserved by calling 789-2026. IN PHOTO LEFT, Scott Belisle of Agawam (left, kneeling) is part of the 27-member cast. IN PHOTO RIGHT, John Mullins of Feeding Hills (Mr. Brownlow) looks on as Dr. Grimwig (Al Randzio of Southwick) gives Oliver (Corey Lagunowich of Hamden) a check-up.

### Annual Shrine Circus Coming To West Springfield April 28th

The 1994 40th Annual Shrine Circus Box Office opens at the Eastern States Coliseum, West Springfield, on Saturday, April 16th at 10:00 a.m.

The Box Office will be open Monday through Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., through the Circus Performances, April 28th through May 1st.

Thursday, April 28th, Opening Night is co-sponsored by WGGB-TV40, and Dairy Mart Stores. All seats are discounted \$2. No other discount applies.

Friday, April 29th is co-sponsored by 94.7 FM WMAU, PVTA and the Holyoke Mall at Ingleside. Discount coupons of \$2 are available on all PVTA buses, and at all Holyoke Mall Customer Service booths. No other discount applies.

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## Pisano's Picks... ON VIDEO

by Louis Pisano

### Recent Releases 3

Here are some more of the newer films released on video. Some are better than others, so be careful in making your rental decision.

#### \* *Cliffhanger*

Director: Renny Harlin. 1993. Rated R. 1 hour and 55 minutes. Starring: Sylvester Stallone, John Lithgow, Michael Rooker, Janine Turner, Leon Paul Winfield, and Ralph Waite.

Sylvester Stallone found yet another opportunity to show the world how macho and physically fit he is with the dreadful *Cliffhanger*.

The film is about terrorists who are involved in a plot to obtain a couple of cases of \$1,000 bills. During a plane mishap, the cases of cash are lost in the mountains. The terrorists use tracking devices, as well as Sly and company, to obtain the cash.

The film has so much wrong with it that I'd almost suggest that you skip it. Bogus but scenic backgrounds are quite obviously visible during portions of the film. Character development is brought to a new and disastrous extreme in regard to the terrorists; there is much too much unnecessary gunfire and murder than needed to show how bad these baddies are. And how Sly is supposed to be in freezing weather with a T-shirt through the whole film is beyond me.

*Cliffhanger* is a disappointment, plain and simple. Those of you who've seen it and liked it, all the power to you. I, however, refuse to follow the majority on such a violent film. 1 STAR. (18 years and up.)

#### \* *The Fugitive*

Director: Andrew Davis. 1993. Rated PG-13. 2 hours and 10 minutes. Starring: Harrison Ford, Tommy Lee Jones, Sela Ward, Joe Pantoliano, Andreas Katsulas, and Jeroen Krabbe.

### Real Scary (???)



Lyle (Egor) Pearson and (Dr.) Konrad (Frankenstein) Rogowski try to "keep ahead" of all the fiendish "gouling-ons" in The Suffield Players' hilarious musical thriller "I'm Sorry The Bridge Is Out, You'll Have To Spend The Night," which will run at Suffield's Mapleton Hall on May 5th, 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, 20th, and 21st. Ticket reservations will be accepted starting April 14th; call 1-800-289-6148.



### The Agawam Advertiser News

Harrison Ford stars in the title role as a man on the run for murdering his wife. Superb acting by all involved makes this Academy Award-winning film one of the most memorable of the year.

The film grabs hold of you in the opening frames and doesn't let go until the end of the film. This is primarily due to the aforementioned high-quality acting.

Harrison Ford causes you to sympathize with his plight, making the movie quite mesmerizing. Also causing this hypnotic effect is the smooth editing in the film.

If you've been toying with the idea of renting this movie, by all means do so—you'll be pleased you did. It's powerful, it's mesmerizing, it's everything an action movie should be! 3 1/2 STARS. (17 years and up.)

#### \* *Dazed and Confused*

Director: Richard Linklater. 1993. Rated R. 1 hour and 43 minutes. Starring: Milla Jovovich and Sasha Johnson.

The year 1976 comes back to life in this zany film about the last day of high school for a group of seniors made up of bullies, nerds, potheads,

and football players.

The film is quite effective in bringing you back to another time. There are no apparent anachronisms (an object accidentally appearing in the wrong time era [i.e., a TV in a movie set in 1920]) in this film. Even the gas prices on a sign that appears is sure to shock you.

The actors involved do not have a substantial acting record but certainly performed well in this film. Their characterizations are very, very memorable.

An appropriate rock 'n roll soundtrack consisting of some historic tunes that were popular at the time also aid in the perfect presentation of the era.

Although I consider this a definite "sleeper" film, it is nonetheless still entertaining by bringing the "dazed and confused" era to life. 3 STARS. (19 years and up.)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: If you have any suggestions for movie-related topics that you'd like to see discussed in this column, send them to Lou in care of The Agawam Advertiser News, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA.)

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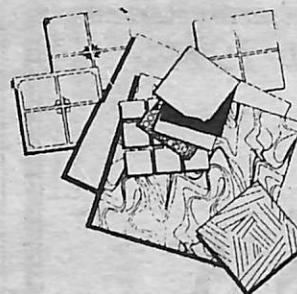
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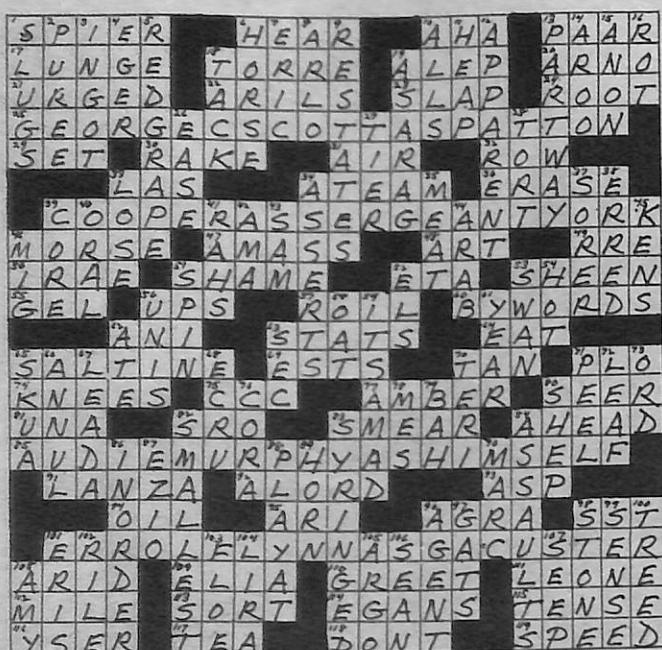
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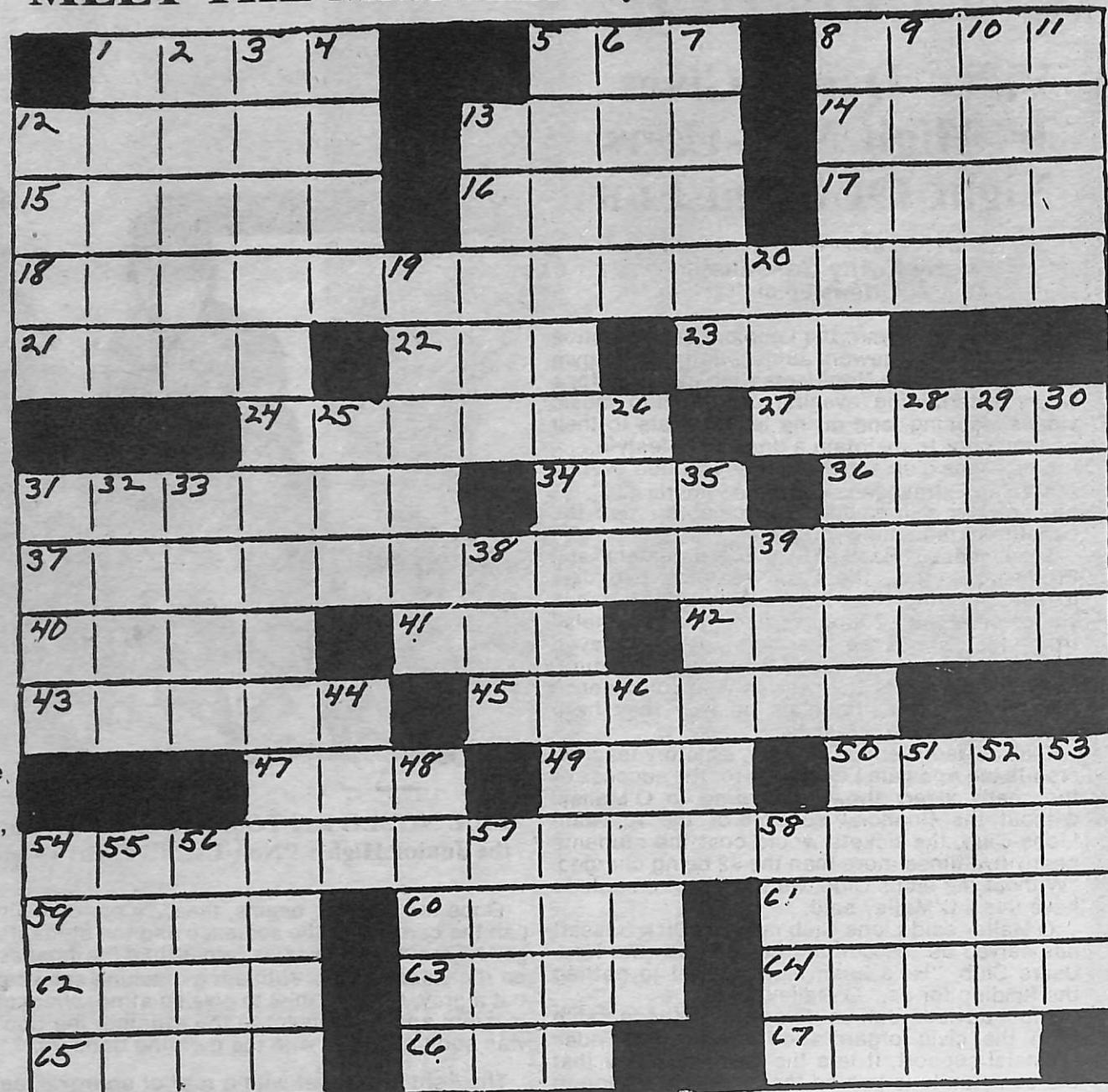
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"Friends" is a nonprofit organization which dedicates its efforts to benefit Agawam's seniors and the Senior Center.

Interested persons may sign up at the Senior Center or may contact Tom Leahy at 786-5016 or Joanne Willis at 789-1360 for further information.

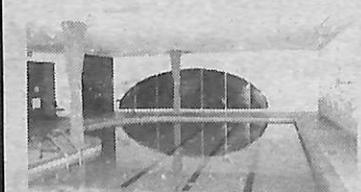


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# Education

## Video Dance Gives Jr. High Non-Users Night Of Great Fun

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

For the fourth year, the Locomotion Promotion roared into the Agawam Junior High School gym as members of the Non-Users Club gathered for a wildly entertaining evening of watching music videos, dancing, and giving testimonials to their commitment to maintain a drug-free lifestyle.

One of the club's most eagerly awaited events, the Video Extravaganza attracted nearly 140 students for a three-hour long celebration of the benefits of remaining drug-free.

Produced by Rack-a-Disc Entertainment and Productions, Inc., the event features two disc jockeys playing the students' favorite music videos on a giant 20-foot screen. "Commercials" from the Drug-Free Partnership are played throughout the evening, and the cameras are turned on the students themselves who volunteer to give their own testimonials on why they have chosen a drug-free lifestyle.

Club advisor Gerald O'Malley, a history teacher, credits the Agawam Lions Club for the success of the yearly video show. According to O'Malley, without the financial support of the Agawam Lions Club, the tickets would cost the students nearly five times more than the \$2 being charged. "Without the Lions Club, we would not be able to have this," O'Malley said.

O'Malley said Lions Club member Dick Bassett has served as the contact person with the Non-Users Club. "He's been instrumental in getting the funding for us," O'Malley noted.

Club advisor James Ryan said sponsorship from the civic organization not only provides financial support, it lets the students know that the community is behind them in the decision to avoid drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.



**BILL NOBLO and TOM KANE from "Rack-A-Disc" put on a great show for members of the Junior High's "Non-Users" Club.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Once the dancing begins, the DJ's periodically pan the camera on the audience and the students get to see themselves as larger-than-life images on the video screen. With a fog machine spewing out a grey, swirling mist to give an atmosphere of mystery and excitement to the evening, the floor was soon crowded with the gyrating dancers.

The light show met with a roar of approval, as the flashing strobe lights brought the last few

stragglers onto the dance floor and the party was on!

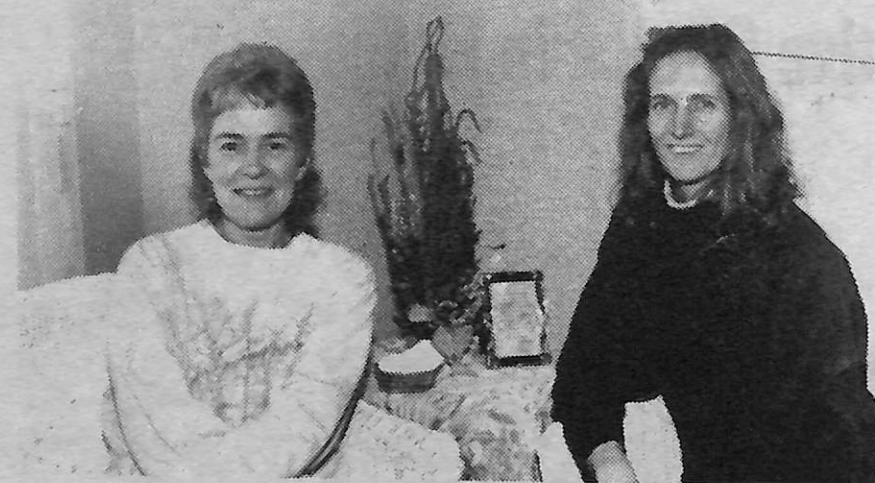
The students became the performers during lip sync and dance contests held throughout the evening. Prizes for the contests, as well as for the students giving drug-free testimonials, were provided by Warner Brothers.

Principal Kevin Littlefield and school secretary Alexis Ferioli joined Non-Users Club advisors as chaperones for the event.

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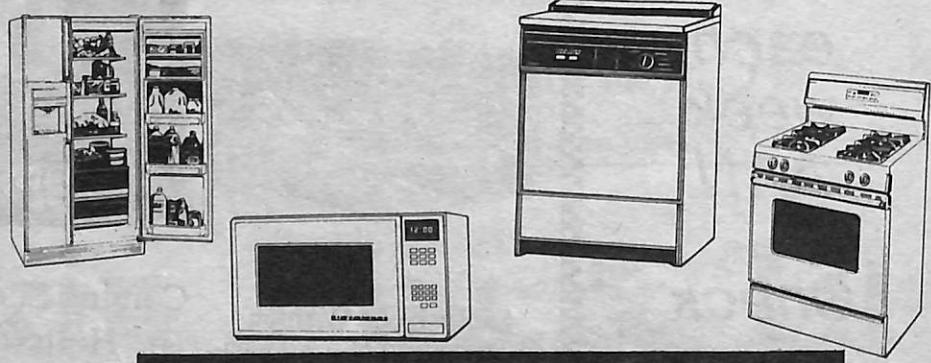
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## AHS Publications Receive Awards At AIC Press Forum

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

At the recently held AIC Scholastic Press Forum, Agawam High School student publications, the *MIRROR* and *Unicorn*, won a record total of seven awards. An annual event, the forum features student newspapers and literary magazines from all over New England and New York. This year, more than 300 students attended the day-long event to participate in workshops held by area journalists and writers.

The *MIRROR* placed second in news features and photography and third in layout and design. The *Unicorn* brought home second place honors in poetry and art, third place in layout and design, and came in third for best overall literary magazine.

### "Unique Part Of AHS..."

According to *Unicorn* Co-Editors Amy Bressem and Sara Kendall, the AHS literary magazine changed the spelling of its name so that it could be distinguished from the newly-launched "Unicorn" magazine at MacDuffie School. "It's sort of like the unique part of AHS that a lot of people don't know about," commented co-editor Sara Kendall.

According to Co-Editor Amy Bressem, one of the difficult aspects of putting a literary magazine together is getting students to submit their work. "A lot of people don't want to have their names in the magazine," she said.

Working together, the editors and other staff members read aloud the works submitted and make the decisions on which poems, essays, short stories, and drawings will be included in *Unicorn*. "We try to match up the poems with a picture," Amy noted.

Co-Editor Sara Kendall, a senior, says she plans to join the Peace Corps after attending Warren Wilson College in North Carolina. Sara said she will major in environmental studies and continue to be involved in the student literary magazine.

Last year, the *Unicorn* doubled in size and sold so successfully the magazine has been able to produce two issues this year. With a price of \$2, the magazine offered subscriptions for both the winter and spring issues for \$3. The spring issue will be out in May before the seniors graduate.

Next year's co-editors are expected to be Rose Marie Oppedisano and Dan Barber.

Advisor to both the *Unicorn* and the *MIRROR*, faculty member Larry O'Brien said it's only in the last few years that the *MIRROR* has begun to pick



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL literary magazine, *Unicorn*, received awards at the AIC Scholastic Press Forum. Pictured are Rose Oppedisano, Sara Kendall, Amy Bressem, Caryn Root, John Hill, Greg Weld, Suzanne Brown, Dan Barber, and Jeremy Spring. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

up awards at the AIC Press Forum. "I think they did very well. The competition is very keen. They're competing against private schools and schools from the eastern part of the state, many with much higher budgets," O'Brien noted.

Among the feature stories submitted were articles dealing with domestic violence and peace in the Middle East. Although she said she was surprised with the award for the *MIRROR*'s news features, Editor Amanda Sunny added, "I think our staff won because we try to cover articles with a personal angle. When kids are writing for kids, they have thoughts and feelings that adults may not be in touch with."

According to Editor-in-Chief Rena Chicklas, the photographs submitted at AIC included Lynda Wage's picture of the effects of a summer of neglect on the AHS greenhouse, as well as Amy Annino's pictures of AHS wrestling team member Gina Marcil and social studies teacher Jeff Corbin.

While at the press forum, *MIRROR* staff members attended workshops on investigative journalism, humor writing, movie reviews, feature writing, and TV news.

### Helped Sharpen Skills

Attending the workshops helped the students sharpen their skills in a particular areas of broadcast and print journalism. Feature writer Andrew Clark said, "I got a few pointers on improving the quality of my articles. Feature writing is more in the method of writing rather than in the subject."

Many of the staff members found the movie review workshop given by TV-22's Sy Becker to be both enjoyable and informative. Steve Bodurtha noted, "It was really interesting. He compared other movie reviewers and told what they're doing right and what they're doing wrong."

Bodurtha added he learned some of the tricks of the investigative journalism trade from a workshop given by a member of *The Springfield Union-News*. "He talked about how to dig up stories, how to make contracts and how to make connections with what you already know," Bodurtha said.

With the awards garnered by the *MIRROR* this year at AIC, O'Brien observed, "We're close to breaking into being one of the top three student papers."

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## Agawam Public Schools Ed-Ventures

by Phyllis A. Lewis, Principal  
Clifford M. Granger School



### What To Do Instead of Nag

There are few young people who don't believe they have been nagged by an adult. And there are few adults who think they haven't had to nag a child. Further, most of us resent the fact that the child made us resort to such action.

We wish we had a different choice and a different course, but we feel we don't. That's just the way it is with nagging - the behavior of young people keeps us doing what we both dislike. Worse, it seems to take so much of this negative action to get young people to do what our nagging is urging them to do. Like it or not, we must know why our students and our children ignore our requests.

As teachers and parents, when nagging doesn't work, we become even more frustrated. Worse, we are apt to increase the nagging or quit urging altogether. Thus, a vicious cycle is created when nagging fails to work. And losing one's temper is not an unusual outcome.

Before we examine some specific strategies, it's important to take a close look at why students and children fail to carry out the routine tasks we require. Some neglect various tasks as a way of asserting their independence. Others find some of our requests trivial, unimportant, burdensome, or boring. At other times, students and children cannot understand why teachers and parents seem so fixed on a particular duty, like keeping a desk or a room clean, especially when they are not bothered by the disarray.

If we understand why students or children are neglecting a task, but we know its completion is necessary, there are 10 strategies we can use instead of nagging.

**FIRST**, address the particular job that needs to be done rather than any of the student's personal deficiencies.

**SECOND**, no matter how hard it is, refrain from repeating the request immediately. Ask once, then give the student or child a little time. Many times they will do what is asked of them if given ample time to comply.

**THIRD**, use a different but comparable situation to get your point across. For a student who is constantly late to class or comes unprepared to work, discuss how it is important at sporting events for every player to be at the game and ready to play on time - otherwise everyone on the team loses out. Remind the student the same is true of your classroom team, or with duties or activities at home.

When our opinions clash, alternatives may hold the answer.

**FOURTH**, consider an alternative value or benefit. Sometimes we get caught in a struggle between the student's or child's opinion and our opinion. Find an alternative solution that suits both you and the student.

**FIFTH**, confront the problem head on. At times we may assume we know why a student is ignoring our often-made requests. Confront the student directly and find out exactly why the task is not being completed.

**SIXTH**, be aware that the student's perspective may very well differ from your own. While you may feel inaction on the student's part shows a lack of respect, the student may interpret your constant requests as "picking on" him or her. Discussing these perceptions may influence a solution.

It's also important when discussing perceptions to pay close attention to your communication styles. As much as possible, use "I" and "me" messages. Messages that simply state how you feel are less likely to be interpreted as being

judgmental. When students feel judged, they often will dig in their heels and assume a defensive attitude.

**SEVENTH**, determine what's fair and reasonable. Develop a system that eliminates the need for a teacher or parent who's always ordering everyone around.

**EIGHTH**, negotiate a deal or a trade. Suggest that if the student will do "X," you will do "Y."

**NINTH**, stress the importance of your request. Be clear about what you want and why you want it. When children know why an assignment or a responsibility is important or a skill is necessary, they are less likely to resist.

**TENTH**, consider trying a brainstorming session. Nagging is one-way communication. When both teacher or parent and child offer alternatives to a problem, two-way communication is established.

We know that nagging usually produces the opposite of our desires. By finding out why the child is not doing as we ask, we may be more apt to employ a strategy that works.

## Junior High Seeking Book Fair Volunteers

The Agawam Junior High School is looking for volunteers to help at a book fair during the third week of May.

This book fair is not a fundraiser, but rather an opportunity for the students to purchase two books for the price of one. In addition, the company providing the books for this fair will donate \$100 worth of books to the school library.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to get a bargain on books, as well as adding books to the school library at no charge.

If you are able to volunteer any time between 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. during this week, please call Mr. Costanzi at the Junior High School (413-789-1400), ext. 460, or Donna Shibley, PTO president, at 786-3888.

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Tuesday, April 26th: Sliced turkey breast sandwich in roll w/leaf lettuce, mayonnaise, sliced carrots, 1/2 baked potato, pear macaroon, milk.

Wednesday, April 27th: Baked hamburg & macaroni w/tomato sauce, seasoned broccoli cuts, bread & butter, chilled fruitcup or jello w/topping, milk.

Thursday, April 28th: Cook's soup of the day, luncheon meat & sliced cheese sandwich in roll w/mayonnaise, tossed garden salad w/spinach greens & dressing, apple crisp, milk.

Friday, April 29th: Tuna salad sailboat, oven potato puffs w/catsup, niblet corn, blueberry coffee cake or chilled peaches, milk.

(NOTE: Please remember to purchase your tickets on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to The Agawam School Lunch.)

## Perry Lane Nursery Has A Few Openings For Fall Semester

Perry Lane Nursery (the little red schoolhouse located in Perry Lane Park and operated by the Agawam Parks/Recreation Department) has a few openings left in its afternoon program for the fall semester.

This session will include both three and four year-olds. Children who will turn three years of age by September 30th, 1994 may attend the Monday/Wednesday afternoon session from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuition for the two day per week session is \$450, payable at \$50 per month.

Children who will turn four years-old by September 30th, 1994 are eligible to attend Monday/Wednesday/Friday afternoon from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Tuition for the three day per week session is \$585, payable at \$65 per month. All children attending must be toilet trained.

Registration is daily, Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Recreation Office (located in the rear of the Agawam High School - lower driveway).

If you wish more information about the school or wish to visit the school, please call the office at 786-0400, ext. 456. Perry Lane Nursery will be in session from September 12th, 1994 through May 19th, 1995. This is an excellent opportunity to prepare your child for kindergarten. The school, being self-sufficient, is open to non-residents as well as residents.

## Jr. High PTO Taking Officer Nominations

The Agawam Junior High School PTO is now accepting nominations for officers for the 1994-1995 school year.

Elections will be held at the next meeting, Monday, May 16th. Nominations will also be taken at that meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

If interested, please send your name, address, phone number, plus position(s) interested in running for to the Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills 01030 or plan on attending the May 16th meeting.

Parents of this year's sixth and seventh grade students are encouraged to join the PTO.

## Summer Youth Employment Applications Can Now Be Picked-Up At AHS & Jr. High

Applications for the 1994 Summer Youth Employment Program are now available at both the Agawam Junior High School (see Mrs. Placzek) and the Agawam High School Guidance Office.

Anyone between the ages of 14 and 21 is eligible to apply for the six-week work program that begins on Monday, July 11th, and ends on Friday, August 19th.

Eligibility for the program is based on the following criteria. If you meet any one of the following eligibility requirements, you are encouraged to apply:

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2. Receiving General Relief.
3. Receiving AFDC.
4. Receiving Special Services in school.
5. State Ward.
6. Handicapped - physical.
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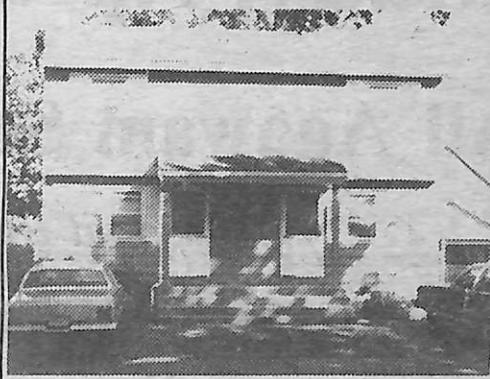
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## Agawam High Guidance Report

by Paul C. Cavallo  
Chairman

### Students Are Warned Not To Become Lax During Last Quarter

The last quarter of the school year is upon us, and for seniors it means five more weeks of school. It is a time period that should not be taken for granted.

For some seniors that could be on the borderline of passing or failing a course, it becomes a time for being serious about their studies. The guidance staff has been communicating with parents about the academic status of seniors since September. Letters are being sent to parents of seniors who may be in danger of not graduating if they fail required courses or fail to accumulate the necessary credits.

If you receive a letter from your son/daughter's guidance counselor, please contact the counselor. Our goal is to work with you and keep you informed of the problem your child is encountering that may affect his/her graduation status.

Let us not forget the ninth, 10th, and 11th graders. The last marking period becomes the hardest when it comes to student concentration. The weather is more pleasing, the days are longer, and students tend to become lax in their studies.

I hope you impress upon your child that this marking period is just as important as the first marking period. In fact, a fourth marking period grade may mean the difference between passing or failing.

Report cards will be issued after the April vacation. Discuss the report card grades with your son or daughter. Again, if the grades are not good, consult with his/her counselor.

The last marking period grade and the final exam grade constitute 60% of the student's second semester grade in each course. There is time to improve.

If a student fails a course and wishes to make up the failure in Summer School, the school policy states that the failing average must be 55 or greater in order to qualify for Summer School. If it isn't, student must make up the failure during the school year.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

A.P. Tests - Month of May.  
SATs - Saturday, November 26th, 1994.  
Seniors' Last Day - Thursday, May 26th, 1994.  
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**Newbury College Culinary Arts** - May 7th, 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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## Camp Rainbow Applications Now Available At Agawam Parks & Rec. Dept.

Applications are now available for Camp Rainbow, a day camp for special needs children of Agawam. Applications may be picked up at the Agawam Parks/Recreation Office from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday or at the Special Services Department of the Agawam Public Schools.

The camp will be held at Robinson Park School, Monday through Friday, beginning June 28th and ending August 11th.

Deadline for submitting applications will be April 29th. Please return the application to the Agawam Recreation Office located at the Agawam High School (right, rear entrance—follow the signs). If you wish to return the application by mail, please send it to the Agawam Parks/Recreation Dept., 760 R Cooper St., Agawam, MA 01001.

Completing and returning the form does not automatically enroll your child in Camp Rainbow. The Special Services Department of the Agawam Public Schools will determine who will be going to Camp Rainbow this summer.

You will be notified if your child is or is not accepted. If accepted, the camp fee of \$150 is due and payable on or before July 1st.

If you have any questions, please call the Recreation Office at 786-0400, ext. 456.

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## Essay Contest Winners Receive Kudos From Jr. Women's Club

The Agawam Junior Women's Club would like to thank the fifth and sixth graders who participated in the "Nassau Comes to Agawam..." Essay Contest. The contest was open to all Middle School students.

Each essay was judged on Creativity, Originality, Legibility, and Content. The essays included the items one would take on a space voyage, the destination of the voyage, and what the student would hope to find.

The winners are:

Fifth Grade - **David Berube**, first place; **Melissa Knight**, second place; **Melody Serafino**. Sixth Grade - **Alisha Pisano**, first place; **Michael Ratkiewicz**, second place; **Kerry St. Laurent**, third place.

First place winners received a \$50 savings bond and a game (Scrabble or Scattergories). Second place winners received a \$15 gift certificate to Videos & More. Third place winners received \$10 gift certificates to Friendly's.

The three fifth grade winning essays read as follows:

*If a space program selected me to go to space and I could only bring five items, I would bring some pictures to remind me of home and my family. Hopefully they would keep me from being homesick.*

*Out of curiosity I would bring these next four items. The first item I would bring is a yo-yo. I would find out if the change in gravity would effect the way it works.*

*The next thing would be a helium balloon. I would see if it would go down or up in the space shuttle. Would the change in gravity make it go down or up?*

*I would bring a plant to see if it would survive in the ship. I'd find it interesting to see if a hanging plant would grow straight up instead of hang down.*

*Finally I would bring a kite. I would like to see it float in outer space. It might be fun to have all of my classmates sign the kite and fly it in space. Then we could say our names are in space.*

**David Berube, Room 210**  
Grade 5

**5 Belongings ..., But To The Moon?**  
Belongings always mean something to people for



**AGAWAM JR. WOMEN'S CLUB** members **Stephanie Bertagnolli** (left) and **Pam Quirk** (right) congratulate essay contest winners from the Middle School - **Melody Serafino**, **David Berube**, **Alisha Pisano**, **Kerry St. Laurent**, and **Melissa Knight**. Missing: **Michael Ratkiewicz**.

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*feelings, a sense of ownership, and love. When time comes for vacations, or if you might be going away, there is always at least one item you want to take along ... but what about a trip to the Moon? If you had five items that would be approved by NASA, what would be the item you would take?*

*Don't you ever feel you can't leave your pet without mourning to stay with the pet? Well, I wouldn't worry because the first thing I would bring would be my adorable kitten, Fushia. She has black and orange spots on her white fur. I'd like to bring Fushia so I could see what would happen if I put her on the surface of the Moon, and she floated around. Fushia would be really bewildered.*

*If you encounter aliens, don't you want to be*

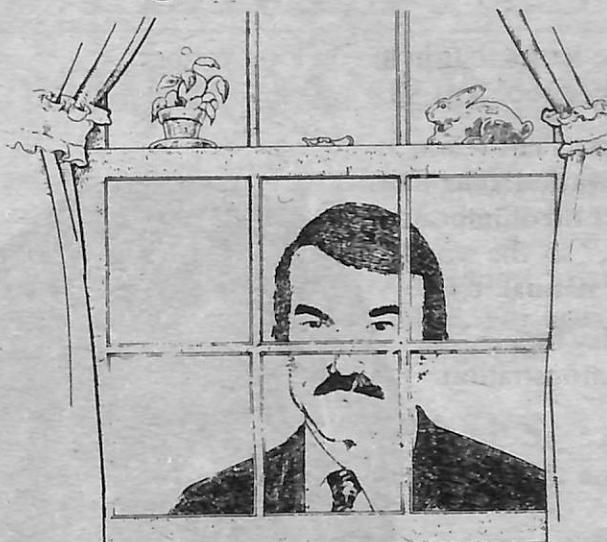
*prepared? It is said strawberry ice cream makes the aliens accept your behavior. The only thing I'd be afraid of is if the aliens I meet do not like ice cream.*

*People have always tried to prove life in space but haven't been successful. Well, in case I see or meet life, I'd like to bring a camera since it would be pretty silly if that happened.*

*I don't think I'd like to bring money in case I opened my wallet and the money flew out and disappeared because of the moon's lack of gravity. I would like to bring an American Express Card since it can be accepted anywhere. It could be accepted there, too.*

**SEE JR. WOMEN'S CLUB - Page 36...**

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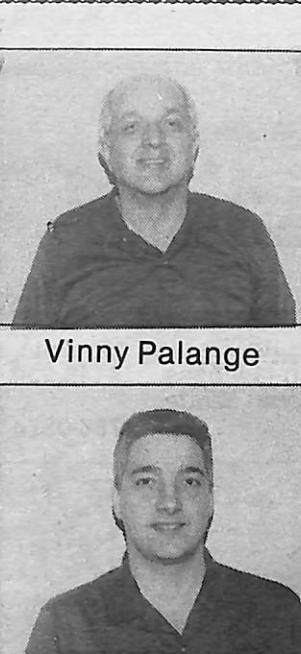
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## ESSAY WINNERS - from Page 35...

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It would be an awesome trip to the Moon, not awesome like, "cool," but a journey of adventure and excitement way beyond anyone's expectations. The Moon's definitely a place for me.

Melissa Knight, Room 203  
Grade 5

**"The 5 Things I'd Take to the Moon"**

I can't imagine the possibility of going to the moon, can you? There are so many things to think about. Not only is there the excitement of the trip, but what five things should I bring?

The most important thing that I would bring with me would be a small photo album. In this album would be pictures of my family and good friends, but most of all a picture of my special, little brother, who was a miracle. At 2 years old, he's so cute and I would miss him very much.

Another important item I would want to bring along would be "Bunny." "Bunny" is an old, yellow, worn-out blanket toy. This is special to me because I've had it since I was a little baby, and I keep it on my bed. Who knows - maybe "Bunny" would like to see the moon?

I would want to keep track of all my experiences so that I could always remember them and tell other people about them. For this, I would bring two items; a journal to write in and a camera to take pictures of all the important things I see and do.

Finally, I would bring a very special box to collect treasures from the moon. When I return home I can bring things back for my family and friends to enjoy. Also I can bring samples home for my microscope. I would like to bring back moon rocks and dust particles. Now that I'm all packed up, I'm ready to take off!

Melody Serafino, Room 213

Grade 5

(Winning essays from sixth grade will be published in next week's edition).

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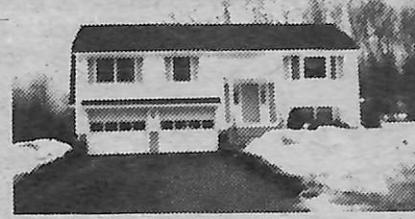
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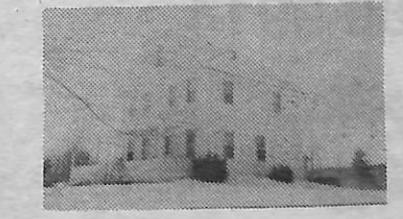
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## AHS Music Teacher Stephen Files Winner Of Cable 1994 Classroom Educator Award

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Agawam High School music teacher Stephen Files has won the Continental Cablevision 1994 "Cable in the Classroom Educator Award" given for the creative use of cable television programming and resources in a classroom setting.

Files said the award grew out of a professional development workshop introducing the Cable in the Classroom Program to Agawam teachers conducted by Cecilia Lang, Continental Cablevision's Community Relations manager.

Files said the workshop spurred him on to finding better ways to utilize the media in his classes. Working with "some very creative people" from Continental Cablevision, Files developed a lesson plan for his Choreography II class. It was based on using clips from the Weather Channel to inspire his students to create dance routines to interpret the patterns and rhythms of various weather systems.

Files said his lesson plan showed how the students were able to take material originally intended for use in a science class and apply it successfully in another discipline.

After watching video clips depicting the patterns and movements of weather systems, the students tried to create modern dance interpreta-

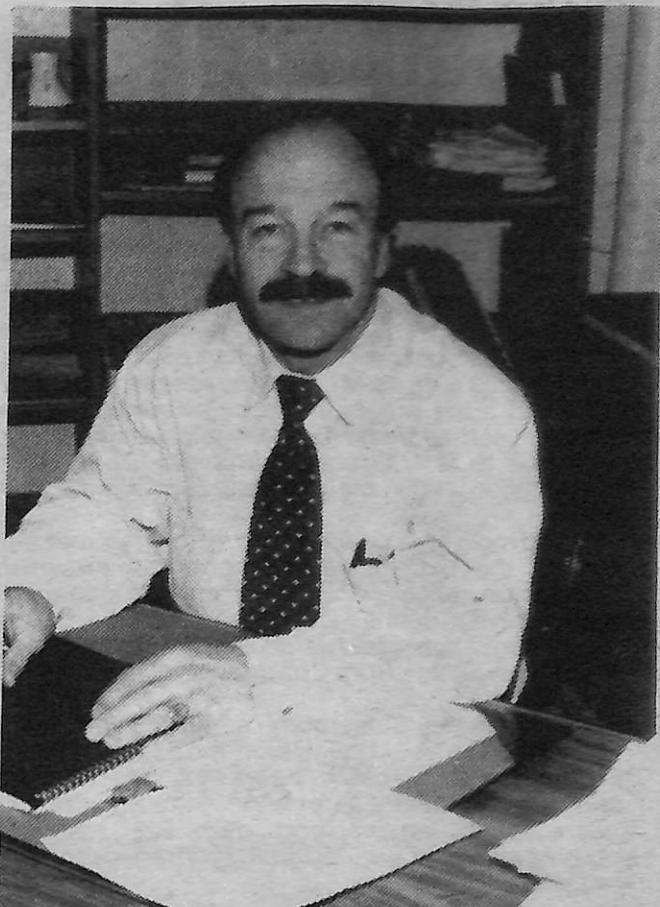
tions of winter weather.

Files said a crew from Continental Cablevision taped the 45-minute class period. The tape was submitted in the company's national contest honoring teachers for their innovative use of cable television in enhancing the educational experience of their students. The AHS tape was awarded first prize.

Along with 12 other regional winners, Files will attend a two-day conference in Washington, D.C. to discuss cable technology and media literacy. Files' lesson plan will be featured in the Educator's Handbook published by Continental Cablevision and used by teachers nationwide.

Through the educator award, Continental Cablevision recognizes outstanding teachers, administrators, librarians, and media specialists who are using cable television to enhance learning.

Files said the program of music studies offered at AHS gives students an excellent background in the arts. "We're really fortunate in our community to have the support to allow the students to take choreography, chorus, and band. It's a tribute to the school system, the parents, and the School Committee," he stated.



AGAWAM HIGH MUSIC TEACHER Stephen Files.

## Summer Jobs Available At Camp Rainbow

The personnel office of the Town of Agawam is accepting applications for summer positions at Perry Lane Park and Camp Rainbow. Applications may be obtained from the personnel office, Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam during the hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Applicants may also request an application by contacting the office at 786-0400, ext. 213 or 239. Applications must be returned to the personnel office on or before May 1st.

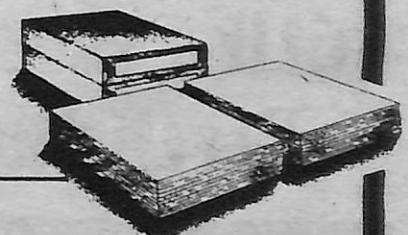
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## Agawam School Bands In Conn. Festival

Three of the Agawam school bands recently participated in the Massachusetts Instrumental Conductors Association (MICA) 1994 Concert Festival. The festival was held at four locations in Massachusetts from April 8th through 10th.

One of the performance sites was in Agawam, with 11 area bands performing. Throughout the state, 80 bands performed for a panel of renowned adjudicators, including Richard Castiglione of Harrisburg, VA; Harry Owens of Succasunna, NJ; George Parks of the University of Massachusetts; William Elwell of Portsmouth, NH; Douglas Bish of University of North Carolina; James Sparks of University of Tennessee; Chip Farnham of University of Southern Maine; and Richard Rusack of Hartt Conservatory.

The Agawam Middle School grade six band, under the direction of Ken Longstreeth, received a gold medal for their performance, continuing the tradition of featuring outstanding ensembles at this level. The Middle School band, which does not meet during regular school hours, put

together an outstanding performance during early morning rehearsals, usually held before the normal school day began.

The Agawam Junior High School band received a silver medal. This band, performing under the leadership of Tamara Watson, not only put in a fine performance, but also worked hard to host one of the two performance sites in Agawam. It should be noted that at the Junior High performance site, no other bands received gold or silver medals in their respective divisions.

The Agawam High School band, directed by Scott Thomson, received a silver medal, putting in one of the best showings in a MICA Festival to this date. Also performing at the high school site were bands from West Springfield, South Hadley, and Frontier Regional.

All three bands will be performing at different times during the remainder of the school year, but can be heard together in performance at the Bandtime Concert, an annual event which will take place at the high school on May 17th at 7:00 p.m.

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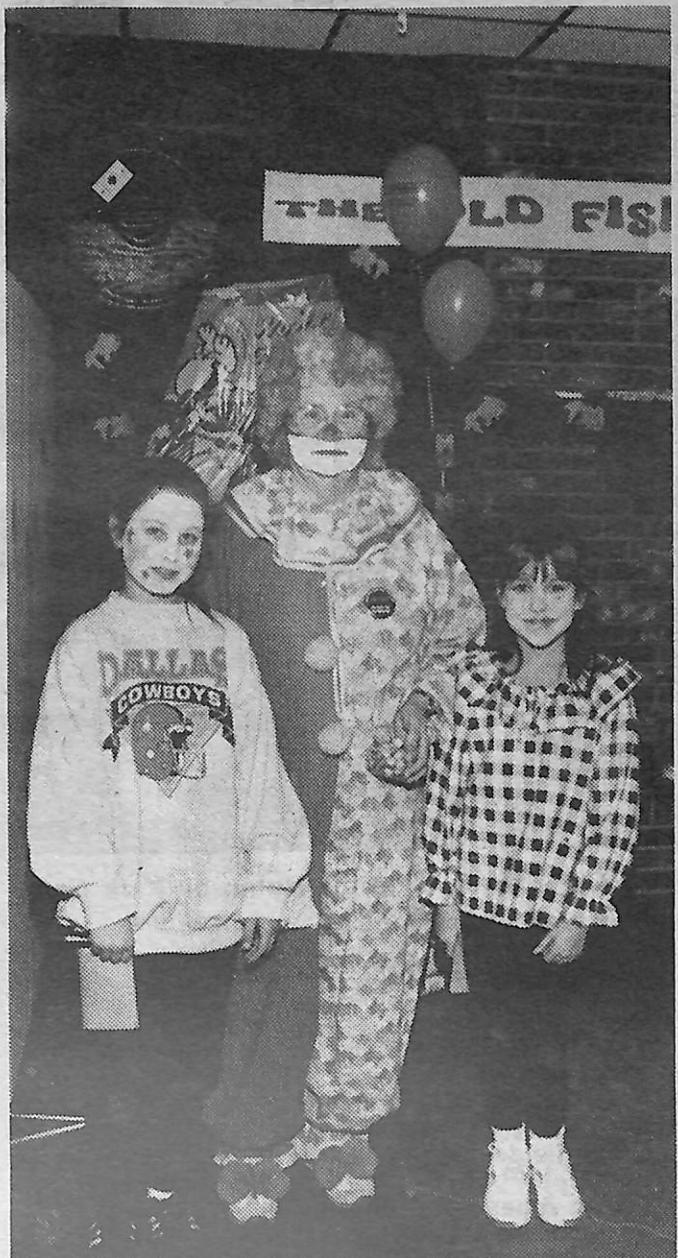
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HAVING THEIR FACES painted at the Robinson Park School Carnival were Erica Pelley and Sarah Longtin. Also pictured is Magpie the Clown. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Robinson Park School Holds Carnival Night

Hundreds of Robinson Park School students, parents, grandparents, siblings, teachers, and friends enjoyed themselves at the Robinson Park Carnival held on Saturday, March 26th, 1994.

The event, conceived and organized by Sally LaValley, was held at the Polish American Club pavilion. It was a wonderful way to bring Robinson Park families together.

Co-chaired by Debbie Pelley and Sally LaValley, the carnival featured games such as a putting palace, coin toss, target shoot, fishing game, ring toss, duck float, and a bean bag toss. Because all games and snacks were only a quarter, many students came with their pockets filled with quarters that they had saved for the event!

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THE REED KIDS, Kelsey, Amanda, and Joshua are pictured making crafts at the recent Robinson Park School Carnival. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



DARE OFFICER Donald Gallerani had a booth set-up at the Robinson Park Carnival. He is pictured with students Erica Kelley, Derek Pelley, Alexis Chretien, and Justin Chretien. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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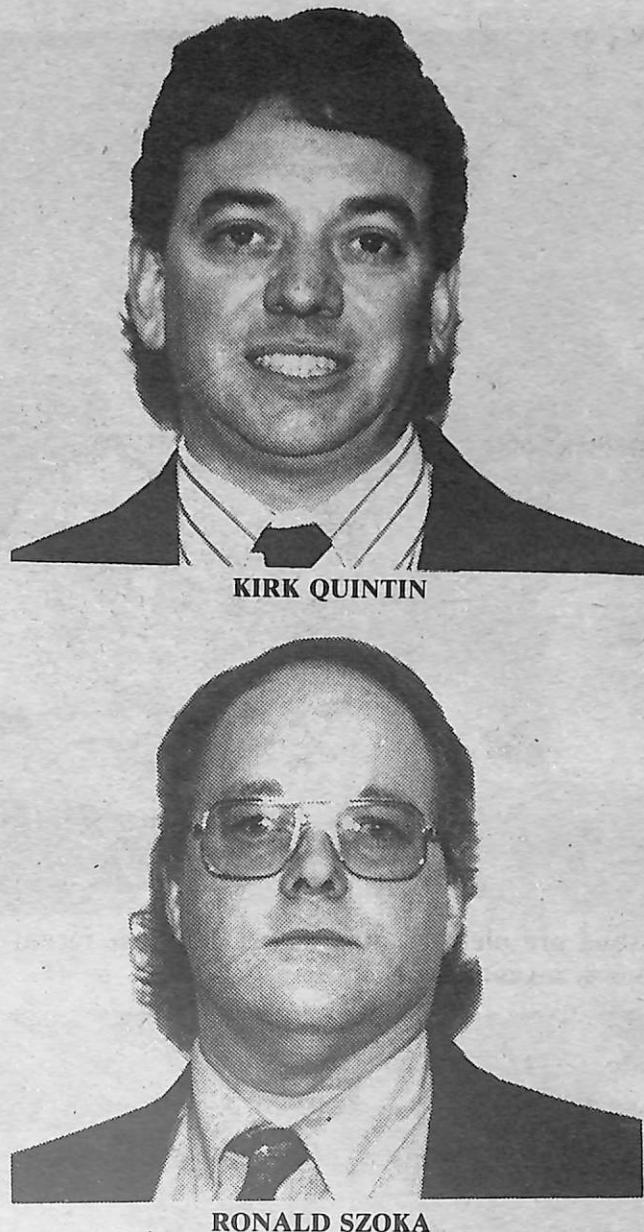
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## Town Residents Named To AIC Honors Society

During a candlelight ceremony at American International College, 27 students were inducted into Alpha Sigma Lambda, a national honor society for students in continuing higher education. The event was held Monday, March 14th, in the college's faculty dining room.

Students inducted into this year's society included Agawam residents Kirk Quintin of 1311 Suffield Street, a management major, and Ronald Szoka of 1317 Suffield Street, a general business major.

Alpha Sigma Lambda recognizes the special achievement of adults who accomplish academic excellence while facing competing interests of home and work.

In order to qualify for the society, students must have attended AIC for at least four semesters, and have completed 30 semester hours. Membership is based solely on academic achievement. Students must have a grade point average of at least 3.2.

"These students enrich the classroom with their varying life experiences, creating a different quality and atmosphere," said Ellen Mulqueen, assistant to the dean of Continuing Education and Graduate Studies and advisor to the society.

Mulqueen is amazed at their commitment to education as well as their other responsibilities. "It's quite an achievement earning high grades as well as having the responsibility of a family and, in some cases, a full-time job."

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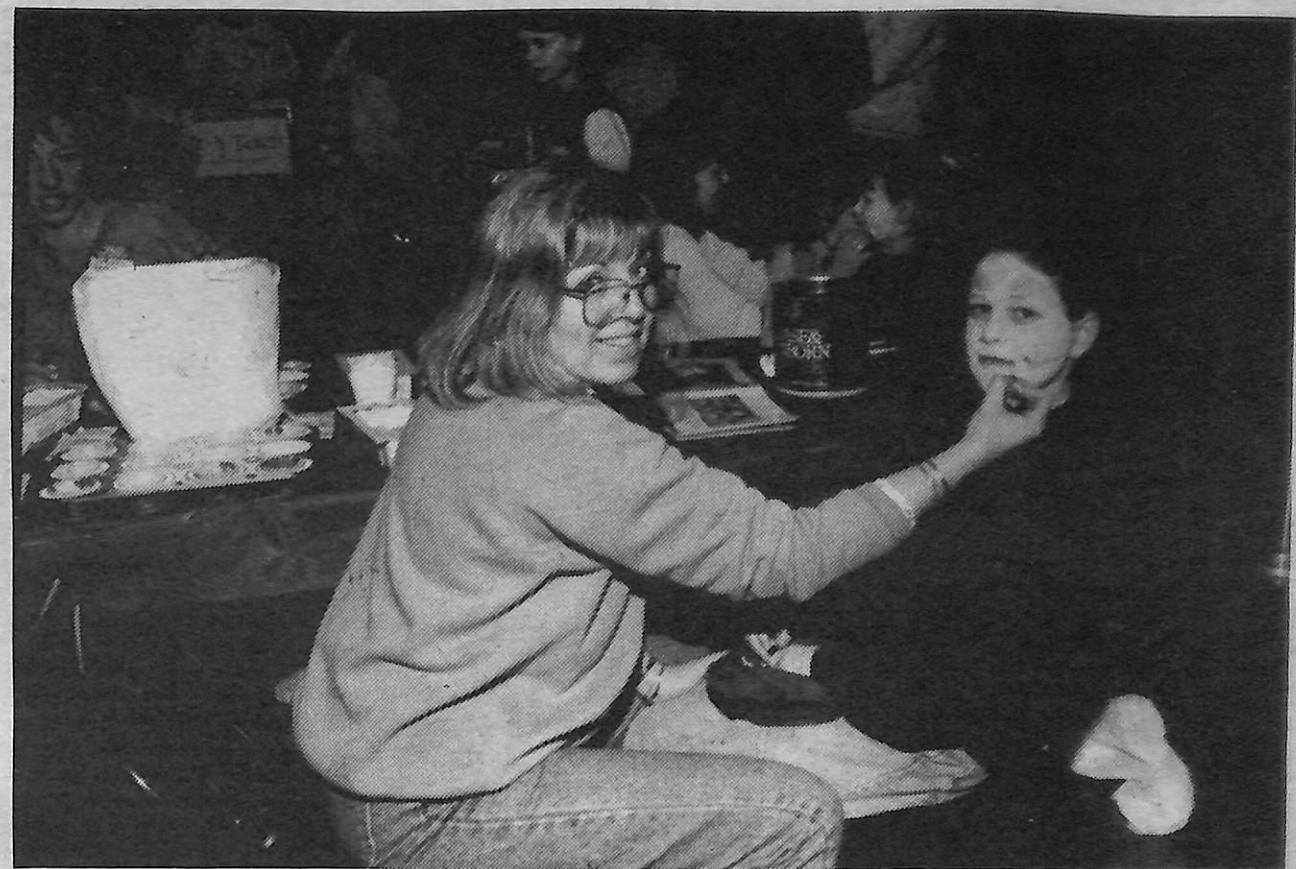
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CAROLYN LACHAPELLE paints the face of Chris Seymour at the Robinson Park Carnival at the Polish American Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### ROBINSON CARNIVAL - from Page 39...

Both children and adults were amazed by the psychic and palm reader. The children were delighted by the clown, face painting, and cookie decorating. A photographer was available for anyone who wanted their picture taken. The country store offered many delicious homemade breads and cookies, as well as small toys, crafts, and books.

A special thanks to the fourth grade class of

Andrew Bower who made and colored all of the computer signs.

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## West Springfield Organization To Hold Semi-Annual Scholarship Supper

Mount Orthodox Lodge of West Springfield will hold its sixth semi-annual scholarship supper on Saturday, April 23rd, at the White Church on Elm Street, West Springfield, at 6:00 p.m.

The proceeds of this supper go to the support of two scholarships to seniors at West Springfield High School. One scholarship of \$500 is given to the valedictorian of the class, and the other of \$500 is given to the salutatorian. These will be awarded on Class Day in June.

Tickets for the supper may be obtained from any member of Mount Orthodox, or by calling George Bozenhard at 568-8456.

The menu for the evening is roast pork with all the fixings. The cost of a ticket is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under.

The chefs for the evening will be Norm and Debi Liquori, who have handled the last five roast pork suppers with such great success.

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# Tech Education At Agawam High Doing It All

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

The Technology Education Program at Agawam High School offers its students an in-depth study of communications, power/energy/transportation, manufacturing and construction, and helps students develop technological career awareness and general employment skills, according to department Chairman Thomas Collins.

Recently, Collins took *The AAN* on a tour of the Tech Ed Department to give us an overview of the programs offered at AHS, as well as allowing us the opportunity to visit drafting, robotics, and construction classes.

Collins said the Tech Ed Programs use IBM compatible computers and software so that the students are gaining experience on the types of equipment used in industry. "All the equipment has been purchased with local funds," Collins noted. "Without the support of the School Committee and the Superintendent's Office, we couldn't offer what we have here. The community believes in what we're doing."

In the robotics class, students of John Korbut were working on a project to build a simple machine using hydraulic, pneumatic, and electrical devices. Working in small groups, the students constructed a robotic arm designed to pick up and transport small objects.

Students Bret Pajer and Jared Longley demonstrated their robotic arm that consisted of a wooden arm that was raised and lowered by a hydraulic system, and a rope and basket powered by an electrical motor to "pick up stuff and lift it higher."

#### Three Step Method

Korbut explained the students begin their projects with a proposal, submit a design, and then construct their robotic arms. Korbut said he uses the three step method "to get the kids to think and to learn that there is a process behind building their design."

"Later on, we will be working on computer skills. The students will learn GW BASIC (a computer language) so that they can run the programs that govern the robotic arm to be built by the end of the year," Korbut said.

Using mechanical as well as electrical skills, the students learn soldering techniques in the construction of a robotic arm from a kit.

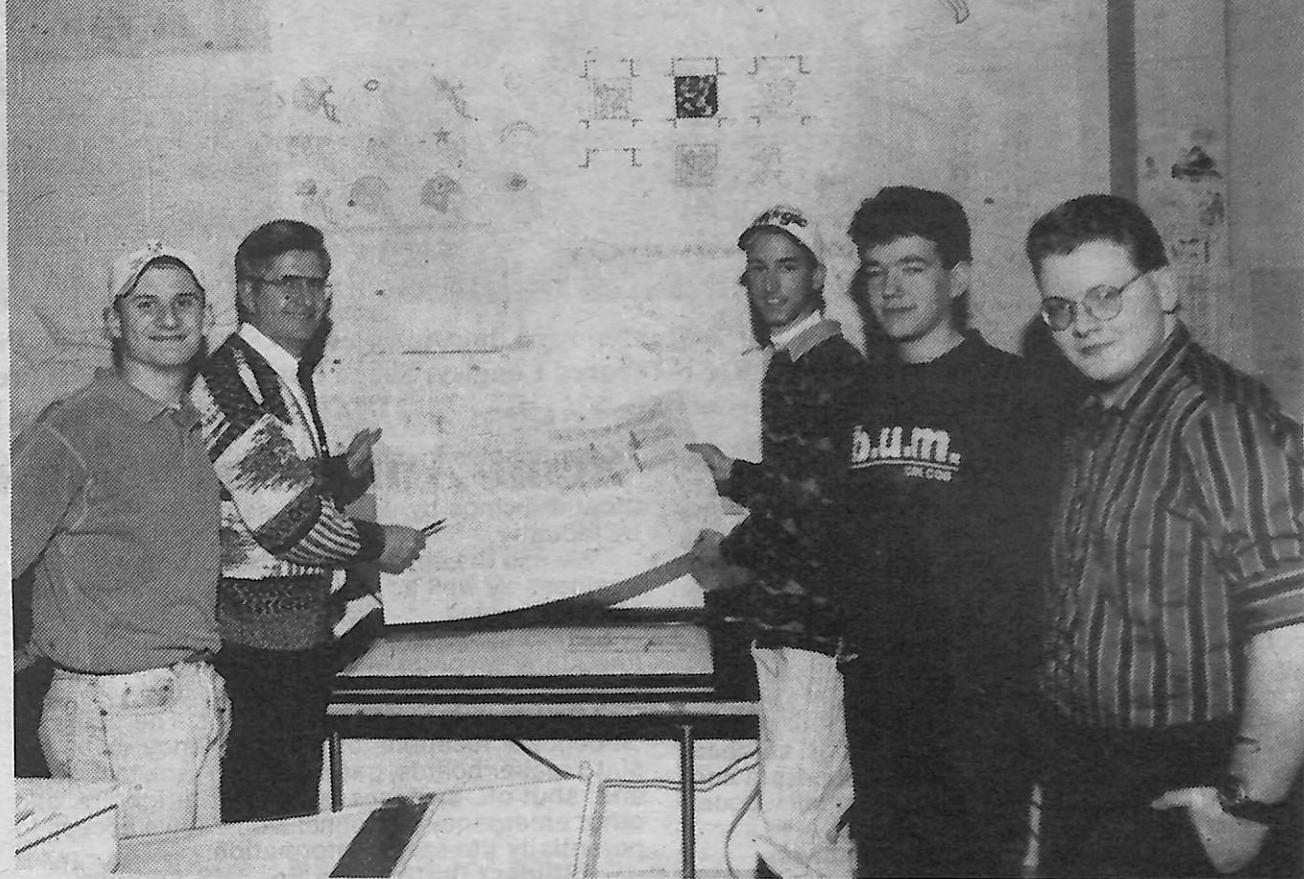
Reintroduced this year by Korbut, the small engines course has students focusing their attention on two cycle and four cycle engines. Korbut said the students bring in lawnmowers, mopeds, or any device powered by a small gasoline engine. "We tear them down and put them back together," Korbut said.

In addition to learning about engine repair, the students work on the routine maintenance necessary to keep gasoline engines purring. "A lot of kids don't realize what's involved," Korbut noted.

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AHS STUDENTS Mike Campion, Paul Klisiewicz, and Jason DeForge work on a computer. All are members of the Technology Education Program at the school. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



DRAFTING STUDENTS of faculty member John Magdycz work on a project. Students are Eric Mastroianni, Joe Scherpa, Jay Reopel, and Dan Jackman. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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IN PHOTO LEFT, AHS Technology Education students Shaun Stack and Pierre Dion are pictured hard at work; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Jared Longley, Shaun Epps, and Bret Pajer are working on a robotics project. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

#### TECH ED - from Page 41...

The Materials Processing Lab has replaced the traditional wood-shop as today's students are working with a variety of materials, including wood, plastic, and metal. In his construction program, Donald Dorazio's students learn the use of tools and equipment, as well as problem solving and the basic job skills employers are looking for.

In the introductory classes, the students work on traditional craft projects until they are comfortable working with the machinery. The students then work in groups on jobs that range from constructing bookcases to building the small wooden podiums used in many classrooms at AHS.

#### Students Constructed 27 Bookcases

Earlier this year, Dorazio's students constructed 27 bookcases for use in Agawam schools. Not only did the system gain much needed bookcases, the project solved the problem of disposing of the old wooden bleachers from the AHS gym. The students took the bleachers apart and recycled the wood and usable hardware saving the town the cost of removing and dumping the bleachers.

The students are also working on the repair of school furniture. Using the parts from broken desks, Dorazio said his students are able to save and recycle 80 percent of the parts into usable desks. Currently, the class is working on salvaging furniture at AHS, but Dorazio said he expects the program will eventually service other schools in town as well.

Automotive students of Bill Zanngle are presently repairing a van donated by the town to the Tech Ed Department. When repairs are complete, Dorazio plans to take his students to job sites within the schools and other municipal buildings. Dorazio said having the use of the van will allow his students to perform "wish list" jobs for the town that otherwise wouldn't get done.

Under the direction of John Magdycz, drafting

students solve mechanical problems and draft architectural plans, printed circuit boards, and electrical drawings by using the same software used by industry.

"We use the most popular CAD program used in business as well as in colleges in the northeast," Magdycz noted.

Saving the town thousands of dollars, the drafting students prepared floor plans for most of the schools and public buildings in town for the Building Maintenance Department. The plans included the locations of all emergency exits, circuit breaker boards, gas mains, oil tank locations, and shut-off switches so that firefighters and other emergency personnel would have access to potentially life-saving information.

#### Student Drafts Plans For AHS Addition

Advanced drafting student Dan Jackman recently completed the plans for a proposed addition to AHS that was unanimously endorsed by

the AHS School Improvement Council.

Working with AHS Principal Russell Furtado and Tony Albro of the Maintenance Department, Jackman reviewed the suggestions of the various AHS department heads to determine the feasibility of their requests before completing his design. A junior, Jackman is hoping to study engineering at the Air Force Academy, according to Magdycz.

In his Graphic Arts classes, Collins covers a wide range of graphic communications, including screen printing, offset lithography, desktop publishing, and black and white photography. "We're giving the students exposure to how things are done in the industry. We use the same programs you would find in use in industry," Collins said.

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## Renaissance Committee At Agawam High Winners Of "Orange & Brown Award"

The March 1994 "Orange And Brown Outstanding Performance Award" has been awarded to the Agawam High School Renaissance Committee of Ms. Sharon Kiddy, Mrs. Dorothy Martin, Mrs. Irene Thomas, and Mrs. Linda Sasso. This committee represents over 60 years of teaching experience.

Sharon Kiddy has been with the Agawam Public School System for over 3½ years, teaching in the Science Department. She is a graduate of UMASS-Amherst, specializing in biological sciences. She is greatly respected by her professional peers and students alike. She has been instrumental in preparing students for college, providing them with the foundation to pursue a career in the science field. Sharon has worked tirelessly with the Renaissance Committee to have this educational program recognized by the educational and business community.

Dorothy "Dottie" Martin completed her education at Westfield State College and the University of South Carolina. She has taught for over 18 years here within the Agawam School System. Dottie has promoted professional development, and has recently completed a National Cooperative Learning Workshop. Dottie was instrumental in bringing the Renaissance Excellence in Education Program, and coordinating

the committee.

Irene Thomas is one of the few people who has taught on all academic levels. After raising her family, she graduated with an education degree from AIC. She has taught for over 20 years, working through the elementary grades, middle grades, junior high school, and eventually high school. Her students see her as a strict but caring teacher. Everyone who knows her relies on her wonderful sense of humor. She has also put in countless hours outside the school to make the Renaissance program the success that it is.

Linda Sasso also graduated from UMASS-Amherst, but received her master's degree from Westfield State College. She also has over 20 years' experience in education. She often can be heard in friendly discussion in the halls with her students, speaking Spanish with frolic and abandon. She encourages all her students to reach for the top and has helped to make the Renaissance program a realistic goal for them all. She, too, works many hours to promote the success of our students and to encourage the community to get involved.

The Renaissance Committee recently participated in the Renaissance Conference in Peabody. The Staff Appreciation recognizes them for their continued commitment to AHS.



MEMBERS OF THE AHS Renaissance Committee, from left - Dorothy Martin, Irene Thomas, Linda Sasso, and Sharon Kiddy.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## AHS Cheerleaders Honored At Banquet

The Agawam High School cheerleaders were recently honored at a banquet given by the AHS Cheerleader Booster Club at the Dante Club in West Springfield.

The cheerleaders were pleased to have family and friends in attendance, as well as football coach Dean Vecchiarelli, several members of the football team, and representatives of the basketball and hockey teams.

Bernadette Conti, who was representing Principal Russell Furtado, was the guest speaker for the evening. Ms. Conti extended greetings and praises from Mr. Furtado, and read a letter from Athletic Director Kathleen McSweeney.

In her letter, Ms. McSweeney congratulated the cheerleaders for their successful year, and made note of their outstanding performance at the recent pep rally for the girls' basketball team. Ms. Conti acknowledged the squad's contribution to school spirit and praised each individual cheerleader for her hard work during the year.

The Booster Club presented each girl with a trophy representing the 1993-1994 school year. Special plaques went to captains Beth Fleury and Rosi von Hollander. Beth, being a senior, was also presented with a scholarship from the Booster Club.

Coach Kim Hebert outlined the year's activities and acknowledged the dedication and individual contribution each girl made to the squad. She presented each cheerleader with a personalized school varsity letter.

Coach Hebert was presented with a trophy from the Booster Club, and a gift certificate from the squad.

### TECH ED. - from Page 42...

In the advanced graphics class, students use computers to create a packaging design capable of protecting an egg during shipment. Using a 10" by 14" piece of heavy paper, students must construct a carton that will protect the egg from a four foot drop. Collins said the students' designs must allow for the printing of information normally used by businesses on the outside of their packaging containers.

Collins said it is the goal of the Technology Department to give the students the necessary technological skills for success in college or in entering the workforce. In discussions with the Education Committee of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce, community is looking for employees with good work habits and solid technological skills.

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MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL varsity cheerleading squad were honored at a banquet given by the AHS Cheerleader Booster Club on Friday, April 8th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

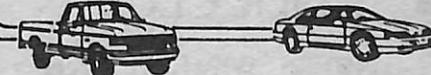
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## AHS SPRING SPORTS UNDER WAY

### 'Hamp No Challenge As Brownie Girls Launch Softball Season

by Bob Johnson  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Rain had postponed two Agawam High tennis matches, so it was the girls' softball team that kicked off the 1994 spring athletic schedule with a home game against their rivals from Northampton.

Last month, the Brownie girls had downed the Blue Devils in a wonderful Western Mass championship basketball game as Agawam screamed into the State Finals. Now, the Blue Devils came a callin' on Monday afternoon dressed in softball gear, but they still had to deal with senior Cyndi Stone.

Stone, the much-heralded basketball center, is also a flamethrowing right hander in softball, and she twirled a two-hitter en route to a 16-1 (mercy rule) five-inning game.

The young Agawam infield made two excellent plays behind Stone in the top of the first inning. Chris Bousquet picked up a roller down the first base line and flipped to an alert second sacker, Becky Wing, for the first out.

And little Courtnie Hyland zipped out from behind the plate to handle a squibber. She showed a gun by throwing out the baserunner, and Stone whiffed the third hitter as the Brownies came looking to take the lead in their half of the first.

Nine walks, two errors, one hit batsman, five wild pitches, and 14 batters and nine runs later, the Agawam team had a 9-0 lead. The only thing missing from that awful rally was a base hit.

The Brownies never got one until Erica Pratt laced a line single to center in the bottom of the second. She batted ninth in the lineup, and it was her second trip to the plate in the ballgame when she connected on the first safety of the season.

'Hamp didn't have any hits, either, and it didn't get one until the fourth inning. Stone issued a leadoff walk and then surrendered a base hit to rightfield. A stolen base put runners on second and third with nobody out, but that's when the young Agawam infield came through with another gem of a fielding play.

Steph Biza took a one hopper at third and she whirled and froze the runner on third. She flipped across the diamond to Bousquet, who then threw a dart to Hyland at the plate. Courtnie applied the tag to the sliding baserunner. Dig it—the shutout was intact.

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### Brownie Boys' Tennis Off To Flying Start After Beating Amherst

by Bob Johnson  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Smiles were the order of the day when the Agawam High boys' tennis team climbed off the bus arriving from Amherst Regional High School last Monday afternoon. The Brownies (who have not always rung up wins with regularity) had gone on the road and knocked off the mighty Hurricanes to get their season record to 2-0.

"It really is important for us to realize that this was essentially Amherst's 'B' team," said a happy Coach Ken Dean. "There was some illness on their team and a couple of other kids were off on college visits, but our kids stepped up and came through. They beat the kids that they had to beat, and we were all really pleased on the way back to Agawam."

The final score was 4-1; the same score by which Agawam had beaten Central in their season opener the previous Friday.

Matt Bellico, owner of the number-one singles position for the Brownies, dropped the only decision against Central as he fell to Doug Clark 6-7 (6-8), 1-6 as the Golden Eagle football-quarterback showed his athletic versatility in dropping the talented Bellico. Matt rebounded to win easily in straight sets at Amherst as he prevailed 6-2, 6-0.

Rob Settembro started his season with a pair of victories. He had a three-setter to survive at Central (6-4, 3-6, 6-3) and then came back with a two-set verdict (6-2, 6-3) in Amherst.

Marc Swikalus split his dealings at number-three singles. He won at Central in a long match. He had to prevail in second- and third-set tie breakers after dropping the opening set 3-6. He won at 7-4 in set number two and 8-6 in the deciding set. It may have taken a lot out of him as he fell in straight sets in Amherst 4-6, 3-6.

The Agawam doubles teams remain unblemished through the first two meets. The top tandem of Jose Ricuarte and John Hogan only had to play four sets during their two matches, as they beat the Eagles 6-3, 6-4 and then downed the Hurricanes 7-5, 6-1.

Against Central, Dean sent Xuan Ly and Mike Rose out there and they won the first set 6-love. They dropped set number two in a tiebreak 6-7 (5-7), but rebounded to win the match with a 6-4 verdict in the third set.

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### AHS Golf Team Set To Defend VW Title With Seniors

by Bob Johnson  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High golf team hasn't got it quite figured out yet this spring. The defending Valley Wheel Champions have a solid middle, but they are trying to put together the outsides as they busily prepare themselves for the upcoming season on the links.

Coach Paul Bachini told *The AAN* that his Western Mass runner-ups from a year ago will bring four solid seniors back to compete for the big prize again, but one of them will have to step up and play in the number-one hole.

"It's a tough spot to play. The kids have all competed and they have learned how to win, but that number-one slot is a lot of pressure. Any one of them can win it ... we just haven't figured out which kid will do it yet."

Seniors Greg Borecki, Eric Charest, Cory Chianciola, and Ryan Harlin were all mainstays on last year's 14-1 squad. Junior D.J. Rapacki, also a solid producer in '93, also figures to get a sniff of the team's pole position.

High school golf matches are played with six kids on each team competing for three potential points in their individual matches. The AHS team lost just one match at the number-six position last season, but they will have to rely on a newcomer to fill that position this year and Bachini doesn't know if they can expect that terrific point production out of that slot: "We are keeping 13 players this season, and one of those 'other eight kids' will play at number six. That has yet to be determined (at press time)."

Bachini looks for East Longmeadow, Minnechaug, and Cathedral to be improved from a year ago, but he also looks for last season's chief rival (Chicopee) to be Agawam's prime competition. The Pacers were 19-1 last season, with their lone loss coming at the hands of the Brownies. Agawam's only setback was suffered against Chicopee.

Oddly enough, the Pacers and Brownies will kick off this season's competition on Thursday (April 14th) at Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills. It will be the fifth season that the Feeding Hills course has extended its courtesies to the high school golfers.

Agawam will open their league schedule on April 25th against Amherst Regional High School at Oak Ridge.

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# New Faces Bolster AHS Girls In Early-Season Tennis Matches

by Bob Johnson  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

After posting an impressive 4-1 victory over Central in their season opener, the AHS girls' tennis team set their sights on conquering area power Amherst in Agawam on Monday afternoon.

After the first set results came back, Coach Mary Wolochowicz had every right to feel that the mild upset might occur. But, the tables turned in sets two and three, and Amherst left town with a hard-fought 4-1 victory.

Tennis fans are very excited about the play of number-one singles player Yvonne Hodel (Swiss foreign exchange), who has burst onto the scene with two very impressive victories. She had no trouble with a 6-0, 6-3 straight set demolition against the Golden Eagle ace, and then she polished off Amherst's Sara Hurst 7-6 (7-5), 7-5 in a match against one of Western Mass's toughest competitors.

"That match was a good indication of how she will fare," said Wolochowicz, "and the early returns were wonderful. She will do very well. Her toughest test could come in mid-May when she meets reigning Western Mass champion Amanda Rhea of Longmeadow."

At second singles, Wolochowicz is equally impressed with Portugal's Joana Grillo, who came from way behind to squeak out a three-setter against Central. "I wish that I could infuse her

determination into the rest of the kids. Joana really showed us all something against Springfield Central. She was all over the court, giving everything that she had. It was amazing!" The final score was 2-6, 6-1, 7-5. Grillo dropped a straight set match at the hands of her Hurricane opponent in the Amherst match.

Brenda Borkoski was the lone defeat against Central (1-6, 3-6) and she also dropped her match against Amherst, but Wolochowicz found a silver lining in Brenda's performance. "She really found her rhythm in the second set against Amherst, and I think that this will give her added confidence as the season goes along. She made a very solid late push in that match."

The doubles tandems of Alison Jean/Jen Touchette and Lisa Savioli/Celeste Arraztoa played a tennis version of "monkey see, monkey do" last week. Each doubles team beat their Central foes at love in both sets to zoom to victory in those matches.

Then, both claimed 6-3 first-set victories against Amherst. So far so good, right? Following that, they both lost the second and third sets against the Hurricanes. Jean and Touchette dropped their match 6-3, 0-6, 3-6, and Savioli and Arraztoa fell 6-3, 4-6, 0-6.

Class IV gymnast Patrick McFarlin won second-place all-around with a first-place finish on the floor exercise and vault.

Class V (ages 14-15) all-around honors were taken by Kyle Roissing. Class V (ages 12-13) all-around honors went to Matt Perry with first-place finishes in floor exercise, rings, vault, parallel bars, and high bar. Josh Venn placed seventh all-around with third-place finishes on floor exercise and rings.

In Class V (age 10-11), John Abatte placed second all-around with first-place finishes on rings, parallel bars, and high bar. Mark Hines placed sixth with a fourth-place finish on high bar, and Kiayuan Baskerville placed seventh all-around with a first-place finish on vault.

All of these gymnasts qualified for the Regional Championships to be held April 16th and 17th, 1994 in Burlington, Vermont.

The gymnasts are coached by former Olympic gold medalist Tim Daggett and Igor Vernyi, former coach of World and Olympic Champions from the Soviet Union.

## Gymnasts From Tim Daggett's Facility Post Victories At Mass. State Championships

Gymnasts from Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics in Agawam posted several victories at the Mass. State Championships held at Sterling Academy of Gymnastics in Sterling, MA, on April 9th and 10th, 1994. The Class I, III, and V gymnasts won the all-around team awards while several boys swept individual honors.

In Class I (ages 16-18), Joe Martelli placed first all-around and won the individual events of ring, high bar, pommel horse, and parallel bars. Tim Wheeler placed fourth all-around and had a second-place finish on the pommel horse. Tim Lauring had a third-place finish on the rings.

In Class II, Andrew Leis placed first all-around and won the individual events of rings and vault.

In Class III (ages 12-13), Ali Eslami took all-around honors by placing first in the individual events of pommel horse, rings, parallel bars, and high bar. John Szymczyk placed second all-around and had a first-place finish on floor exercise. Darren Morace won third-place all-around individual honors with a first-place finish on vault. Keven Suffriti placed fifth all-around with a second-place finish on pommel horse.

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### GIRLS' SOFTBALL - from Page 44...

#### Agawam's Lead Swells To 14-0

Four more walks, two more stolen bases, and another wild pitch produced two Agawam runs in the third. The margin ballooned to 14-0 in the fourth when they posted another three spot.

Katie Vivenzio smoked a lead single and then travelled the entire diamond when Betsy Gonski allowed the ball to get through her in center. Biza gained her second RBI with a bases-loaded walk, and Bousquet rapped an RBI single, too.

The Blue Devils got their lone highlight of the day when losing pitcher Jeslyn Hargraves served one along the rightfield line. The shot rolled long enough to get her all around the bases for a solo homer.

As the winds howled in off Lake Michigan (it sure felt as cold as Wrigley Field in April), the Brownies needed just two runs to close the deal and they came through quickly in their fifth inning.

Kristen Schmaelzle led with a walk, and Vivenzio came through with a rope into right-center (which got Schmaelzle all the way back to the dish). Vivenzio took third on the throw and then walked home when Hyland hit a BB inside the bag at third and into left-field.

You could hear the lawn chairs snapping shut as the crowd exited quickly after a fine start to the new campaign.

### BOYS' TENNIS - from Page 44...

Ly and Martin Asp worked at second doubles against Amherst, and they got the job done with a 6-3, 7-6 (7-5) straight setter.

"Our kids have really improved during the first two or three weeks of the season," said Dean. "Our team doesn't have the opportunity to play all year long, so they really have to work the kinks out when the practice season starts. These guys have really shaken the rust off quickly, and the improvement has been rather dramatic."

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 April 25th: South Hadley, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 April 27th: Northampton, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 April 28th: Westfield, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 May 2nd: Ludlow, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 May 4th: Longmeadow, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 May 6th: Amherst, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 May 9th: Cathedral, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 May 11th: West Springfield, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 May 13th: Chicopee Comp, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 May 16th: Holyoke, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 May 18th: Central, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 May 20th: Cathedral, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 May 25th: Chicopee Comp, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 May 27th: Holyoke, 5:00/7:00 p.m., away (Crosier/Mackenzie).  
 May 31st: Central, 4:45 p.m., home.  
 June 1st: Southwick, 3:30 p.m., home.

**Boys' Tennis**

April 15th: Commerce, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 April 25th: Chicopee Comp, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 April 27th: West Springfield, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 April 29th: Northampton, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 May 2nd: East Longmeadow, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 May 5th: Commerce, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 May 9th: South Hadley, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 May 11th: Longmeadow, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 May 18th: Cathedral, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 May 20th: Minnechaug, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 May 23rd: Westfield, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 May 25th: Ludlow, 3:30 p.m., away.

**Girls' Tennis**

April 15th: Palmer, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 April 25th: Chicopee Comp, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 April 27th: West Springfield, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 April 29th: Northampton, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 May 2nd: East Longmeadow, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 May 9th: South Hadley, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 May 11th: Longmeadow, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 May 18th: Cathedral, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 May 20th: Minnechaug, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 May 23rd: Westfield, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 May 25th: Ludlow, 3:30 p.m., home.

**JV/Varsity Softball**

April 15th: Longmeadow, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 April 18th: Ludlow, 1:00 p.m., away.  
 April 20th: Chicopee Comp, 11:00 a.m., home.  
 April 22nd: Longmeadow, 1:00 p.m., home.

**School Spring 1994 Athletic Schedule**

April 25th: East Longmeadow, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 April 27th: Central, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 April 29th: South Hadley, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 May 2nd: Holyoke, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 May 4th: Chicopee, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 May 6th: Cathedral, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 May 9th: Minnechaug, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 May 11th: Amherst, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 May 13th: Westfield, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 May 18th: Minnechaug, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 May 20th: West Springfield, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 May 25th: Amherst, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 May 27th: Westfield, 3:30 p.m., home.

May 31st: West Springfield, 3:30 p.m., away.

**Boys' Track & Field**

April 19th: Cathedral, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 April 25th: West Springfield, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 April 28th: Chicopee Comp, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 April 30th: Steele Relays (TBA).  
 May 2nd: Minnechaug, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 May 5th: Westfield, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 May 9th: Holyoke, 3:30 p.m., away.

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**AHS SCHEDULE - from Page 46...**

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 May 16th: Longmeadow, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 May 21st: PVIAC Individuals (TBA).  
 May 28th: Western Mass (TBA).  
 June 4th: State Meet (TBA).

**Girls' Track & Field**

April 19th: Cathedral, 11:00 a.m., home.  
 April 25th: West Springfield, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 April 28th: Chicopee Comp, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 April 30th: Steele Relays (TBA).  
 May 2nd: Minnechaug, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 May 5th: Westfield, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 May 9th: Northampton, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 May 12th: Central, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 May 16th: Longmeadow, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 May 21st: PVIAC Individuals (TBA).  
 May 28th: Western Mass (TBA).  
 June 4th: State Meet (TBA).

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April 25th: Amherst, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 April 28th: South Hadley, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 May 2nd: East Longmeadow, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 May 3rd: Longmeadow, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 May 5th: Ludlow, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 May 9th: Minnechaug, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 May 10th: Amherst, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 May 13th: Longmeadow, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 May 16th: South Hadley, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 May 17th: East Longmeadow, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 May 19th: Ludlow, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 May 24th: Minnechaug, 3:30 p.m., away.

**Freshman Baseball**

(JV Field - back of school)

April 15th: Chicopee, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 April 18th: Minnechaug, 1:00 p.m., away.  
 April 20th: East Longmeadow, 1:00 p.m., home.  
 April 22nd: West Springfield, 1:00 p.m., home.  
 April 26th: Pathfinder, 3:30 p.m., home (Shea).  
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 May 2nd: Ludlow/Shea, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 May 4th: Longmeadow, 3:30 p.m., home (at Jr. High).  
 May 6th: Amherst, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 May 9th: Cathedral, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 May 11th: West Springfield, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 May 12th: Pathfinder, 3:30 p.m., away.  
 May 13th: Chicopee Comp, 3:30 p.m., away (Garrity Grove).  
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 May 25th: Chicopee Comp, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 May 27th: Holyoke, 3:30 p.m., home.  
 May 31st: Central, 4:45 p.m., home (Shea).  
 June 1st: Central, 3:30 p.m., away.

**Freshman Softball**

April 15th: Holyoke, 3:30 p.m., away (MacKenzie).  
 April 18th: Ludlow, 1:00 p.m., home.  
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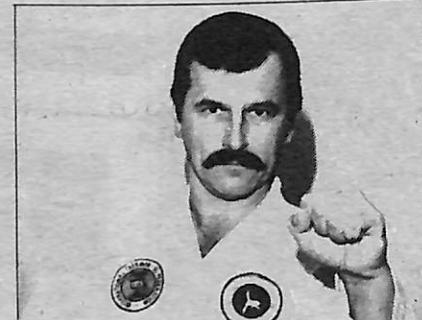
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will be played on Sunday mornings at the Agawam High School. League play will begin on Sunday, May 1st. Managers in the league are David Gallerani, Paul Cavallo, John Higgins, Rich Karam, Roland Entwistle, and Gino Mirolli.

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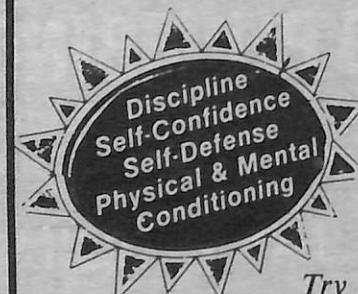
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## Sportsmen's Corner

—By Bill Chiba—  
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### A Correction In The 1994 Fish/Wildlife Regulations

A five salmonid limit at Quabbin—a misprint in the 1994 Abstracts of Fish and Wildlife regulations has been corrected. The total daily creel at Quabbin may not exceed five salmonids, of which no more than two may be lake trout, two landlocked salmon, and two brown trout (minimum length 18").

Recent modifications to the computer system which keeps track of the sportfishing awards program, have created the necessity for including the angler's current sporting/fishing license number. The new affidavits for the SFA program include a space for this information.

If old forms are used, print your number on the side of the form. If the angler is under the age of 15, the license number requirement does not apply.

#### Moose Hunt Applications Available In Late June

Applications for 40 Vermont moose hunting permits will be available late in June.

The FWB voted unanimously on March 23rd to hold a moose hunt in Wildlife Management Unit E, which is made up of most of Essex County and small parts of Caledonia and Orleans Counties. A three-day hunt will be held from October 17th through 19th.

A current Vermont hunting license is required to apply, and each person may apply only once. The 40 applicants who receive hunting permits will be selected by lottery. Ten-percent of the permits will go to non-residents.

Each permit will be valid for one moose in Wildlife Management Unit E. The permit-holder may name a second hunter on the permit, but the second hunter may not have a permit or his or her own, and must hunt with the permit-holder.

Moose hunters may use a centerfire rifle not less than .25 caliber, a shotgun not less than 12

### Fishing Derby For Project D.A.R.E. In Southwick April 23rd

The fourth annual "Fish For D.A.R.E." bass tournament will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, on the Congamond Lakes. The tournament is being held to benefit the Southwick Police Department's D.A.R.E. program.

This event will begin at 7:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. Registration (cash only!) will be held just prior to the start of the tournament between 5:30 and 6:30 a.m. at the North Ramp (near Louie B's Restaurant).

The entry fee is \$50 per team, with 50% payback and 50% donated to D.A.R.E. There is an optional \$10.00 per team "Lunker Pool" with 100% payback.

B.A.S.S. Tournament Rules apply, and an aerated live well is required. This tournament is sponsored by the Northeast Bass Anglers.

To receive further information and/or a pre-registration entry fee, call Al at (413) 569-3193, or Jim at (203) 668-8924.

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No moose shall be shot at or taken within 100 yards of a town, state, or federal highway or while swimming. A hunter who takes a moose must report the animal by taking it to a Fish and Wildlife Department check station within 24 hours.

Applications to enter New Hampshire's annual moose hunt lottery are now available at license agents and New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's Concord office.

The 1994 moose hunt is set for October 15th through 23rd. Last year, 317 permits were issued, and 281 moose were taken during the hunt. Fish and Game officials are proposing to increase the number of permits to 405 for the 1994 hunt and open the season state-wide.

This year's drawing will take place June 17th. Lottery applications must be postmarked no later than May 27th. There is a \$10 non-refundable application fee.

If lucky enough to be chosen, the moose permit costs a resident \$100, and non-residents pay \$300. Permittees are allowed to select one person to hunt with them; both must attend a one-day pre-hunt seminar.

#### New Winter Flounder Regulations In Connecticut

The Connecticut DEP has announced new Winter Flounder Regulations for sportfishermen which went into effect March 17th, 1994:

—Eight (8) fish creel limit.

—Minimum length of 11 inches.

—Annual closed season from March 1st to April 14th.

The new regulations are part of a management plan to restore the severely depressed winter flounder stocks. The new regulations are the first in a three-step plan to reduce fishing mortality. Step two will require additional restrictive regulations for 1995; and, with the implementation of step three in 1999, the winter flounder harvest rate will have been reduced by more than 50-percent.

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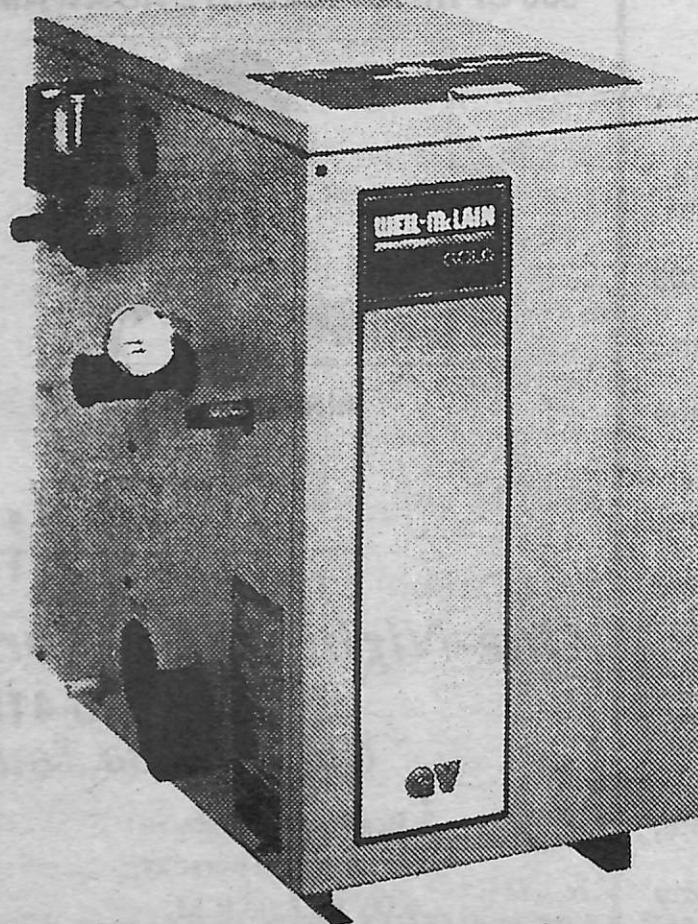
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Sports A La Carte...

## Same Uniforms; Nice, John Kruk

by Bob Johnson  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Am I the only person wondering why the Tiger uniforms now look like the Indians; the Rangers look remarkably like the old Phillies; and half the teams dress up like softball players when they take the field on Sundays?

I'm not sure that I like this disturbing trend. Let's watch and see how long those Yankees get to keep those pinstripes...

How good is the Atlanta Braves pitching staff? Consider that PHIL PLANTIER has gone 2-46 against that club in his career. That's a gaudy .043 average...

Now we'll see how good that young California basketball coach TODD BOZEMAN is—he is going to have to deal with the defections of both JASON KIDD and LAMOND MURRAY. Each of those underclassmen declared for the NBA draft, and that will definitely kill that program for a while...

Will GEORGE BRETT become NBC's number-one color guy—the nation's midsection believes that to be a truism beginning this summer. I hope they have one of those donuts for him to sit on when he is up in that booth during those three-hour long games...

Speaking of old KC Royal greats, submerging reliever DAN QUISENBERRY was discussing those days when his sinker wasn't sinking that well: "Oh sure, I still got the hitters to hit those bouncing balls. The trouble was that the first bounce occurred about 380 feet away from home plate."...

Now I have this recurring nightmare that I will be going on a television talk show as a guest, and the host will start calling me FLORENCE JOHNSON (or FloJo) and I will be forced to get up and pummel him in front of God and everyone.

But the nightmare worsens when I realize that it's GEORGE FOREMAN doing his first night as a host and not that little punk that works for ESPN2 who tried to make a name for himself by antagonizing JIM EVERETT.

My surprise comes in the fact that the audience didn't come up collectively and smack him a few times, too. He was really out of line...

JOHN KRU, it's nice to have you back. And you still make me want to do some research on the Gashouse Gang...

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## Third Round In Tri-Parish Bowling Appears To Be Battle Between Two Teams

As Round Three of the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League at the Agawam Bowl wears on, St. Mary (22 wins) continues to be the pacesetter followed by St. Louis (19½ wins) and St. Michael (19 wins). Everyone else is pretty much out of it, unless the top three teams fall flat on their faces.

With St. A's (5th/13 wins) Captain LOU MULDREW on the missing list, St. Mary's pretty much had its own way. St. Mary's winners were leadoff JAY LAGODITZ (279-275 over reliable AUDREY PHILLIPS), TERRY HILL (278-271 over JEAN BUONICONTE), and Captain RICK SHEEHAN (347). Sheehan is second in Men's AA at 106.13, so this certainly didn't hurt his average.

St. A's had one big winner, third roller STEVE BONESTEEL. Steve fired a nifty 326 as he continues to creep up in Men's B rolling (98.5). Terry Hill is second in Women's B at 91.2.

St. Louis tried to keep pace at the expense of sagging Catholic University (6th place/12 wins). Winners for St. Lou were leadoff TINA FRAPPIER (271) and Captain SCOTT MASSOIA (354). Scott completely devastated distraught CU Captain JIM SNYDER (289). Massoia is the leader in Men's A at 106.66 while Snyder is third in Men's AA at 105.55.

CU did have two winners - second roller BONNIE MASSOIA (268) and third roller TED LEAL (299). Tina Frappier leads the Women's D at 87.49, while Bonnie is second in Women's A at 94.33 and Ted Leal is third in Men's C (90.1).

In the third match of the night, St. Michael took last place Fordham over the hurdles. Winners for St. Mike's were leadoff VENETTA SNYDER (251), PAUL LAGODITZ (319-304 over RENEE JURY, a good match), and substitute RICH SNYDER, who

was really on fire in this one (375). The only winner for Fordham was Captain OLLIE MULDREW, 323-295 over TOM "Not Tony" CURTIS (295). MULDREW is the top gun in Men's AA at 108.30, while Curtis is second in Men's A at 97.61.

Venetta Snyder is desperately trying to get her average to 90 as she is fourth in Women's B at 89.24, while Lagoditz is fourth in Men's C at 89.69. Rich Snyder rolls at 109.7 in a substitute roll.

Fourth place Notre Dame (14½ points) is getting desperate to stay with the leaders. ND faced eighth place Georgetown (10 wins) and fared very well indeed. ND winners were CAROLINE COELLN (290), GLEN ADAMS (305), and league strongman AL MORRISON (347). Morrison overwhelmed the famous DEBBIE POIRIER, the top gun in women's rolling (103.41). Morrison fires at a 120.3 clip.

The only winner for G-Town was leadoff BILL ALDRICH in a substitute roll (268). Caroline Coelln is third in Women's B at 90.9 and Glen Adams is top dog in Men's B at 99.22.

In the final match of the night, seventh place Holy Cross (11 points) faced ninth place Boston College (10 points). HC winners were leadoff DORIS FORTIER (273-265 over STELLA BARBIERI), DON STITT (307), and Captain LARRY VIENS in a very lackluster match vs. BC Captain JOHN MLINEK (295-254). Viens is now at 99.32 in Men's AA while Mlinek is at 95.63 in Men's A. The only BC winner on the night was second roller JOHN LONCRINI (311, fourth in Men's B at 94.49). Doris Fortier is sixth in Women's B at 86.10, while Don Stitt sits in the lead in Men's C at 94.42.

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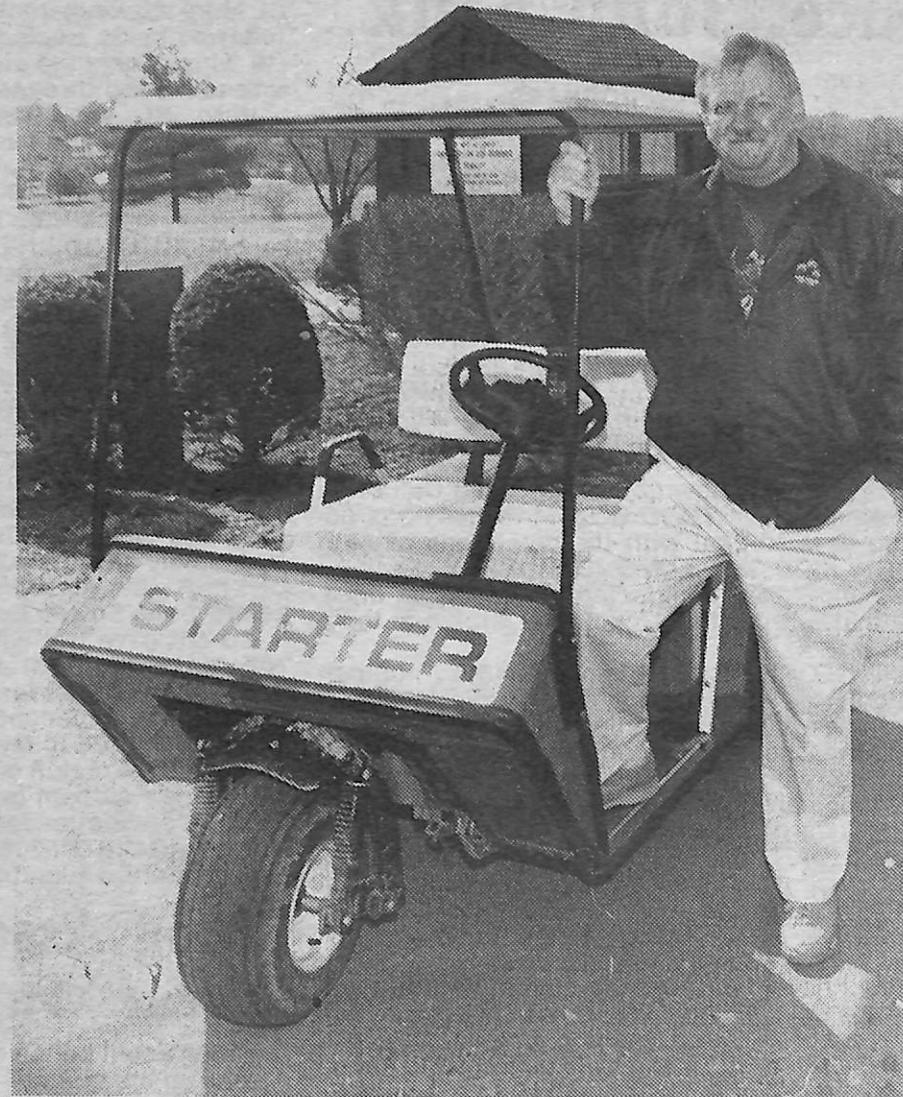
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### AAN Golf Tip Of The Week... World's Greatest Share Their Keys To Mastering The Game

Compiled by Jim Modzelesky, PGA  
Oak Ridge Golf Club, Feeding Hills

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When I'm playing well, I usually find a swing key or, at the most, two when I'm warming up on the practice tee before my round. Then, hopefully, I can just go out there and play, going through my routine before every shot and basically just trusting my swing.

But in almost any round, you're going to face difficult or unusual shots, and very often the difference between winning and losing is in your ability to pull off these shots to save par. That was the situation I faced on the 16th hole at Harbour Town in the final round of the 1991 Heritage.

I had to hit a low 5-iron that needed to hook about 30 yards around a big tree and then run onto the green. It was a difficult shot, because anytime you have to hit a shot that hooks that much you run the risk of it getting away from you. It was crucial that I get myself comfortable with the shot, and to do that I took several practice swings, visualizing the shot and making a swing that would produce the shot I needed.

After about five or six practice swings, I went ahead and hit the shot. It came off perfectly. Again, the key when you're facing a tough or unusual shot is to give yourself a good chance at becoming comfortable with it—and to do that, make plenty of practice swings.

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### AHS Baseball Offers Coaches/Players Clinic

The Agawam High School baseball team and coaches will be offering two separate clinics for coaches and players.

On Tuesday, April 19th (during school vacation), the players and coaches will offer a clinic for players ages eight to 13 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Agawam High School. The clinic cost will be \$10, with the proceeds going to the team for the purchase of extra equipment. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. on the day of the clinic, and all

aspects of fielding, throwing, hitting, and running will be covered.

On Saturday, April 23rd, a coaches' clinic will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the high school gymnasium for all youth baseball coaches. Topics to be covered will be pitching, hitting and fielding, as well as practice planning and how to incorporate fun into your practices. Everyone is welcome and the clinic is free of charge; please try to attend for the betterment of youth baseball for the town of Agawam.

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## A LA CARTE - from Page 49...

PETER GAMMONS makes a fine point when he tries to put the MICHAEL JORDAN Baseball Experiment into perspective. Sure, the media has been a circus and that really can't be helped due to the magnitude of Jordan's star, but Gammons said of Jordan, "He has been remarkably respectful of the skills it takes to play baseball."...

When JACK NICKLAUS was excused for the weekend at Augusta, it was the first time that the Golden Bear had missed a cut there since 1967. Hmmm, the Impossible Dream year. Can we dare think that this might be an omen of things to come down on Yawkey Way?...

The Curse of the Moose? This wouldn't be cool unless it was absolutely true, but last week while doing a few afternoon errands, I happened upon a man who was badmouthing TIM NAEHRING as if he weren't good enough to make a Tee-ball team.

Twenty-five minutes later, Naehring hit a line drive three-run, game-winning homer. The next day, he laced a three-run double, giving his club another win.

When I saw the guy, we both smiled knowingly about his gaffe and he quickly admitted that he was saying the same thing about MIKE GREENWELL after the first game of the year. Of course, Gator responded by pounding huge game-tying and comeback-sparking homers over the next two days.

'Tis a very humbling game, this baseball—remember, the best players fail seven out of 10 times...

Has there ever been a more polished and respected television commentator than BEN WRIGHT at the Masters? This Britisher has been on my viewing plate for many years, and I have never heard him misspeak nor have I ever challenged a word that his poetic mouth utters. I take stock in everything that he says as if it were gospel.

During this past Augusta weekend, he said, "RAYMOND FLOYD—there's never been a better chipper that's ever played the game." Eloquent and listenable—we need more guys like Ben Wright...

Imagine if somebody told BUTCH HOBSON that he would get four wins in four days from winning pitchers named BANKHEAD, TRLICEK, DARWIN, and FOSSAS. That is how the Sox got to 4-0 this year...

Hey, they're throwing opponent homers back onto the playing field at Dodgers Stadium now. I knew that they would come around.

And by the way, don't tell me that lightning can't strike twice. MATT KRAMER caught two consecutive homers in the right-field bleachers at Wrigley Field in Chicago on Opening Day. He threw them both back onto the field because both were belted by New York Mets players, and he also got to do a guest shot on Letterman.

I still can't believe that I would actually turn the ball loose, though, if a homer landed in my hot little hands. I've gone to countless games and never even snuffed a foul ball...

OK, is it time to line up the Zima spokespeople that invariably will come along during one of their high-priced advertising blitz campaigns—alonzo mourning, kermit Zarley, isiah "Zeke" thomas, and of course, yaZZZZZZ...

Yup, another great Masters, but it reminded me of hockey a little bit because TOM LEHMAN played all the great golf and JOSE MARIA OLAZABAL got all the breaks and won the Emerald Coat.

For all the world it reminded me of a hot goaltender making all the difference in the world...

## Slo-Pitch Softball For Senior Citizens

The Agawam Seniors (55 and older) are adding SloPitch Softball to their Senior Games, which will be held at Springfield College, June 17th, 18th, and 19th, 1994.

The winners of the local competition will compete in San Antonio, Texas on May 17th-24th, 1995.

All players 55 and older who would like to play are requested to contact the Agawam Recreation Department at 786-0400, ext. 456, or the Agawam Senior Center at 786-0400, ext. 242. Practice will begin shortly.

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## Ramblin' Reggie Ruggiero Earns 1st Win Of Young Racing Season At Riverside

On Saturday, April 9th, it was Rich Savary who looked like a shoe-in for his first Modified Tour Type victory in event number three at Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam. Yet, veteran **Reggie Ruggiero** showed how the "old school" can teach even a young lion a lesson at Riverside.

Ruggiero came from eighth and used the bottom to take the lead and pull away to win his first race of the 1994 season for Bill Pelly/John Haymond Law Offices. The victory was worth \$1,200, and the battle that followed Ruggiero was just as heated (right to the checker).

Stan Greger, last week's winner, worked over early challenger Doug Meservey and Tom Jensen. There were three cautions in the event, with the first occurring on lap two when Marty Radewick's rear end plug fell out (thus ending another great run for Marty). The second caution came from Jim Jones and Fran Principi locking horns, with Steve Park becoming a victim. Chris Kopec, the front-runner in the points, had a tire let go in turn three, thereby hurting his chance of a strong finish. Another great run from the back was turned in by Dan Avery, who pitted twice.

Following Ruggiero to the checker was Rich Savary (C&W Horse/Bill's Auto). Third was Stan Greger (Manofort Const.), followed by Dan Avery (Porter-Chester) and Doug Meservey (Citgo Fuels) to round out the top five.

Sixth through 10th were Tom Jensen, Ed Spiers, Tom Crevenho, Brian Schofield, and Wade Cole. The fast-time setter in the Modifieds was Brian Schofield over Bruce Dell.

"The first night I lost the brakes; the second night we were not right on the money. Tonight, we were dialed in. Pelly needs this win," said the popular Ruggiero, who added, "That Savary kid did a good job; the rookies this year are strong at Riverside."

## Acme Auto Parts Signs 6-Event Package With Riverside Park Speedway

Ben Dodge, Jr., Riverside Park Speedway's Director of Racing, has just completed a six-event sponsorship agreement with Acme Auto Supply, Inc. The unique program will offer Riverside Speedway competitors the lion's share of \$10,000 in bonus money.

This unique presentation will benefit the Riverside NASCAR Winston Divisions of NASCAR Tour Type Modifieds, Pro Stocks, Late Models, and Strictly Stocks. Acme is the leader in independent auto parts stores, featuring a full line of both foreign and domestic parts, with convenient locations throughout Connecticut.

The Acme Auto Parts programs will consist of six national exposure events, with the first being on May 28th—the Acme five-division special that is a Sunoco Racing Fuels tradition. It will feature

Luck was the key for **Gee Perry** in the Late Model feature, as Gary Fiormonti lost the rear end while leading. By lap 21, Chuck Docherty had come from the back and (after three laps of running under Gee Perry) suddenly died with an ignition problem.

As a result, Perry had the lead without any challenges to the checker. Veteran Ted Chalmers was second, Mike Bushior was third, Marty Leary was fourth, and Fred LaForge was fifth.

Rounding out the top 10 were Glen Griswold, Joe Czarnecki, Roger Charette, Rocky Mazziotto, and Paul Dipisa.

Perry said he wants the title: "I am just interested in one thing—points!" And, thus far this season, his second- and first-place finishes prove that he is going to be tough.

Rob Valerio was looking for his third win from the pole, when **Roger Fujimoto** just reeled Valerio in to dominate the 25-lap feature in the Strictly Stocks. Chuck Allessio and Joe Arena held off Todd Owens for several laps before settling in for the finish.

At the line, it was Roger Fujimoto over Rob Valerio, Chuck Allessio, Joe Arena, and Todd Owens. Sixth through 10th were Al Leone, Ken Marques, Vinny Vanacorta, Scott Neleber, and Rosi Hall.

This Saturday, April 16th, it's another "Super Saver" family value night at Riverside Park Speedway—14-plus events featuring the NASCAR Tour Type Modifieds, Pro Stocks, and Strictly Stocks, with action set to start at 6:00 p.m.

Adults are just \$9.99 each, and kids (12 years of age and under) are just \$2.99 each. The pits open at 11:00 a.m.

the Tour Type Modifieds, Pro Stocks, Late Models, Pro 4 Modifieds, and Strictly Stocks.

The following dates of June 18th and July 2nd will include Acme fireworks, and the other Acme dates for the 1994 season will be July 23rd, August 20th, and the prestigious August 27th Busch Grand National event. An estimated \$8,400 in heat and bonus money presented by Acme representatives will be given directly to the Riverside competitors.

Riverside Park Speedway is already in the running stages of one of its best seasons with NASCAR auto racing every Sat. night at 6:00 p.m. For more information, call 786-9300, extension 3264.

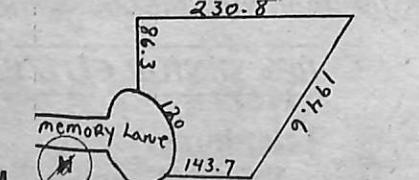


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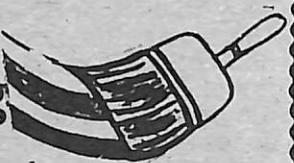
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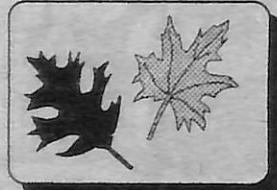
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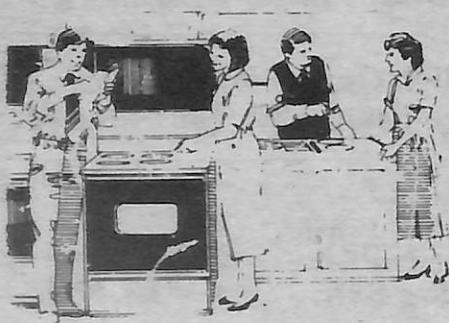
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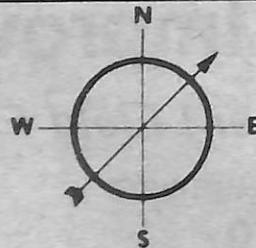
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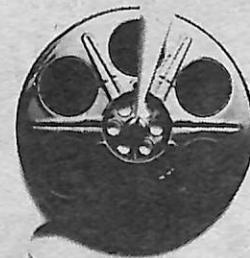
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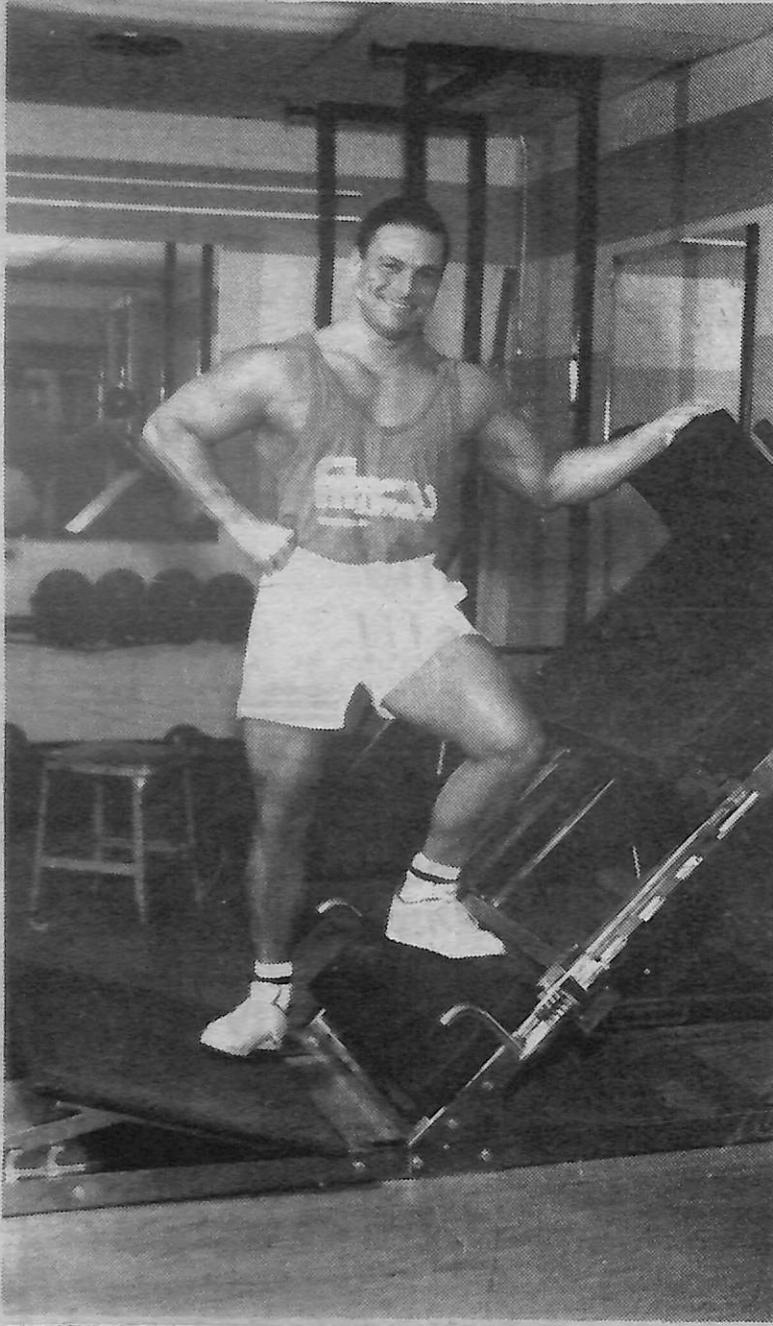
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